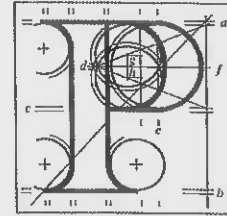


Our Case Number: ABP-316272-23

Planning Authority Reference Number:



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Dervalá O'Brien
34 Villiers Road
Rathgar
Dublin 6

Date: 16 August 2023

Re: Bus Connects Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme
Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above-mentioned proposed road development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

Please note that the proposed road development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it or approved it with modifications.

The Board has also received an application for confirmation of a compulsory purchase order which relates to this proposed road development. The Board has absolute discretion to hold an oral hearing in respect of any application before it, in accordance with section 218 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Accordingly, the Board will inform you in due course on this matter. The Board shall also make a decision on both applications at the same time.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board at laps@pleanala.ie

Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

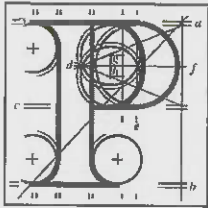
Yours faithfully,

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Planning Appeal Form

AN BORD PLEANÁLA
LDG- 065618-23
ABP-
10 AUG 2023
Fee: € 50 Type: CAHQ
By: POST

Your details

1. Appellant's details (person making the appeal)

Your full details:

(a) Name

Dervalá O'Brien

(b) Address

34 Villiers Rd, Rathgar, Dublin 6.

Agent's details

2. Agent's details (if applicable)

If an agent is acting for you, please **also** provide their details below. If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

Not applicable

(b) Agent's address

Not applicable

Postal address for letters

3. During the appeal we will post information and items to you or to your agent. For this appeal, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only.)

You (the appellant) at the address in Part 1

The agent at the address in Part 2

Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the planning authority decision you wish to appeal. If you want, you can include a copy of the planning authority's decision as the appeal details.

(a) Planning authority

(for example: Ballytown City Council)

Dublin City Council

(b) Planning authority register reference number

(for example: 18/0123)

Click or tap here to enter text.

NTA ~~Plan~~ Bus connect plans

(c) Location of proposed development

(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Ballytown)

Tempogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme

Appeal details

5. Please describe the grounds of your appeal (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below or you can attach them separately.

See attached supporting documentation (pg's 6 and 7)

Supporting material

6. If you wish you can include supporting materials with your appeal.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

Acknowledgement from planning authority (third party appeals)

7. If you are making a third party appeal, you **must** include the acknowledgment document that the planning authority gave to you to confirm you made a submission to it.

Fee

8. You **must** make sure that the correct fee is included with your appeal. You can find out the correct fee to include in our Fees and Charges Guide on our website.

Oral hearing request

9. If you wish to request the Board to hold an oral hearing on your appeal, please tick the “yes, I wish to request an oral hearing” box below.

Please note you will have to pay an **additional non-refundable fee** of €50. You can find information on how to make this request on our website or by contacting us.

If you do not wish to request an oral hearing, please tick the “No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing” box.

Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing

No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing

NALA has awarded this document its Plain English Mark

Last updated: April 2019.



I, Derval O'Brien a resident of 34 Villiers Rd, Rathgar, Dublin 6 am writing to object to the NTA Bus Connects plan route 12. I do not accept that the transportation needs of Dublin city require or justify the Route 12 proposals for the following main reasons:

Summary

- NTA have failed to put the routes on display, to hold public information events, to provide an accessible planning document and have disenfranchised the average resident, commuter and bus user. They have failed to communicate the benefits and implications of the proposal and therefore they have failed to empower people to make an informed submission' to the planning process
- The proposals will, if implemented, very severely impact non-bus traffic in the form of lorries, vans, cars and motorcycles and e-mopeds.
- If implemented, there will be wide-spread and very severe peak-time non-bus traffic congestion on major traffic arteries and residential side roads including Villiers Road
- This severe congestion will be seriously damaging to Dubliners and local residents for whom improved bus transport does not meet their needs.
- No proper research is evident in the published proposals of the collateral damage to non-bus transportation
- No proper research is evident of the environmental and ecological impact of the bus route 12
- Data used for modelling all traffic and usage flows are pre-pandemic and out of date rendering the model and conclusions invalid.
- The proposed introduction of buses and the inevitable additional traffic flow arising from the closure of Rathgar Road to outbound non bus transport will impact not only Highfield Road but Villiers Road, Neville Road and Templemore Avenue. They will

become through cuts from Upper Rathmines Road to avoid queuing at the proposed traffic lights at the Dartry road end of Highfield Road. The consequence of this proposal is that residents of those narrow residential roads will bear the burden of the introduction of the Bus Gate on lower Rathmines Rd .

- Specifically in relation to route 12 proposals the route for buses and cars and cycles travelling from Rathmines through Rathgar is not specified . Changes in access from the upper Rathmines road and the removal of the slip at the junction of Highfield road and Rathgar Village suggest that Highfield road is the proposed outbound route for buses cars and cycles (Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) Volume 2 fig 3.7 .pp 17 option CB7) .This option if implemented will create severe and prolonged congestion on this residential road and in many of the residential side roads nearby and diminishing the quality of life of residents in this area and making the road unsafe for users including many schoolchildren cycling and walking to nine schools in the area

I request that an Bord Pleanala reject the current NTA plan for bus route 12 on the bases given above

Signed



Date

6/8/23