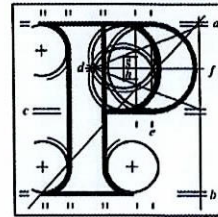


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**An
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Date: 16 August 2023

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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Date: August 14, 2023

Re: Templeogue/ Rathfarnham City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We wish to make a submission in respect of the planning application submitted to An Bord Pleanála by the National Transport Authority (NTA) regarding the above proposed scheme. The required fee €50 is enclosed.

1. The proposed saving of 5 minutes in bus times is miniscule and entirely insufficient to warrant the considerable size and scale of the scheme. Existing cycling routes are sufficient and there is no basis for claiming that the provision of further facilities would substantially increase the number of cyclists.
2. Increasing the number and frequency of buses will result in increased carbon emissions. This is contrary to Ireland's international commitments to carbon emissions reduction targets. Undoubtedly, increasing traffic thoroughfares will also increase noise pollution, and cause the loss of mature trees and habitat for flora and fauna.
3. The widening of Terenure Road East would seriously damage the architectural amenity of the residential and commercial buildings on that road and deplete the character of the area.
4. The character of the Terenure, Rathgar, and Rathmines villages will be irrevocably altered for the worse, turning them from villages and communities into urban traffic corridors.

Note that EPA Projections indicate that:

- Ireland will achieve a reduction of 29 per cent in Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 compared to a target of 51 per cent.
- Almost all sectors are on a trajectory to exceed their national sectoral emissions ceilings for 2025 and 2030, including Agriculture, Electricity Transport and Industry.
- The first two carbon budgets (2021-2030) will not be met, and by a significant margin.
- Reaching the 2030 target requires implementing policies that deliver emission reductions across all sectors in the short term.
- Ireland needs to fully implement the actions in the 2023 Climate Action Plan that have been defined; firm up the actions that currently don't have associated policies and measures, such as diversification in agriculture; and identify and implement further policies and measures.

Source: <https://www.epa.ie/news-releases/news-releases-2023/ireland-projected-to-fall-well-short-of-climate-targets-says-epa.php>

We object to the proposed scheme and pray that An Bord Pleanála will reject approval.

Yours faithfully,

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