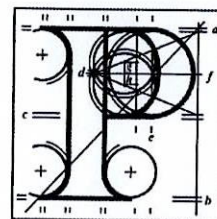


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**An
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Date: 18 August 2023

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: 14 August 14, 2023

Reference: Bord Pleanála Case Number HA29N.316272 / Construction Compound TR3 / Location: Dodder View Road/Woodview Cottages/Rathfarnham Mill

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to express our strong objection to the proposed strategic infrastructure development case referenced above. This involves the extension of an existing compound installed for the purpose of the Dodder Greenway right across a current public amenity green area colloquially known as "Spider Hill" for works to be conducted during the construction of the BusConnects Project. As concerned residents of Rathfarnham Mill, we firmly believe that this proposal will have detrimental effects on our families, community and the cherished amenity that is an integral part of our daily lives.

Firstly, "Spider Hill" Green is the only shared space for residents of houses and apartments in the Church Lane vicinity and serves as an important meeting spot to foster a sense of friendship and community. For example, this area hosts our annual church lane summer picnic, which is attended and encouraged by local TDs and Councilors. This Green, which overlooks Bushy Park and provides vistas of the West Dublin Mountains serves as a valuable recreational area for individuals and families. Its preservation is crucial for the physical and mental well-being of our residents and plays a vital role in fostering a sense of community spirit and connection with nature.

The proposed Compulsory Purchase Order to acquire this land for the purpose of a strategic infrastructure development raises several concerns. It is essential to consider the potential negative impact on the

environment, including the loss of wildlife habitats (which include, amongst others, families of foxes and badgers), destruction of flora, and disruption of the delicate ecological balance that exists within the area. The destruction of such a precious natural resource would be irreparable and would undermine the long-term sustainability of our local ecosystem. The impact on the air quality also raises concern, given the young children living in the area, some with pre-existing respiratory conditions.

Additionally, the local amenity in question is frequently utilised by the wider community for various events and activities, ranging from picnics to sports gatherings. Attendees at local creches frequently visit on the way to and from childcare, customers at local takeout spots use this space to eat, and ice – creams and drinks purchased in the village are often brought to the hill for consumption. Furthermore, for generations, families from all around Rathfarnham descend on the Hill for Sledding if there is any snowfall in Winter. As such, it has become an institution in the local area. By seizing this land, the proposed development would effectively eliminate these opportunities for social interaction, leisure, and fitness, detrimentally affecting the health and quality of life for residents, particularly children, in our community.

Moreover, the proposed development fails to adequately address the concerns and interests of the local community. The lack of consultation and engagement with residents regarding this project is deeply concerning and indicative of a disregard for our voices and our rights as stakeholders in the decision-making process. It is crucial that the opinions and perspectives of the community are given due consideration before any irreversible steps are taken. We also believe that the proposal fails to consider viable alternatives and urge that full and thorough consideration is given to other options available.

In light of these concerns, we respectfully urge An Bord Pleanála to reconsider the proposed strategic infrastructure development case. We implore you to explore alternative solutions that prioritise the preservation and enhancement of our local amenity, taking into account the wishes and well-being of the community it serves.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We trust that you will carefully consider the objections raised and act in the best interest of the community and the preservation of our local amenity. We look forward to receiving a response regarding the progress of this case.

Yours sincerely,

Eoin and Liadh Uí Chinneide & Neil and Amy Adams