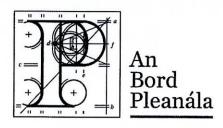
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## **Planning Authority Reference Number:**



Fiona Daly 158 Rathgar Road Dublin 6

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 <a href="mailto:laps@pleanala.ie">laps@pleanala.ie</a>

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

Yours faithfully,

Eimear Reilly Executive Officer

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To; An Bord Pleanala,
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64 Marlborough Street
Dublin 1

Re: Templeogue/Rathfarnham to city centre Bus Corridor Scheme Application number: 316272

Submission from Fiona Daly 158 Rathgar road, Dublin 6

There are a number of issues in relation to this bus corridor that do not make sense.

- 1. There is not sufficient traffic on Rathgar road to merit this scheme.
- 2. The traffic will have nowhere to go once it reaches Rathmines that won't involve clogging up small roads. Charleston road is already a traffic bottleneck.
- 3. The sense of community in Rathgar will be significantly diminished.
- 4. The buses are already adequate on this stretch of road so it is a complete waste of Government funding.
- 5. This is an ill thought through project. A much more obvious suggestion would be to increase the number of carriages on the Luas line which is the same direction ie from Tallaght into the city but is very crowded first thing in the morning. This should be sorted out and would be cheaper.
- 6. The Bus Corridor would not in any way help commuter times save for shaving mere minutes, according to the official information given. On any given day, walking along Rathgar road, the traffic is extremely light and only gets busy during school times.
- 7. Accordingly, the obvious solution is to set up efficient working school buses the way they do in the USA.
- 8. Another idea is to introduce congestion charges like in London. Anything would be better than this ill thought out Bus Corridor idea which would finish off communities.

This scheme is an absolute disaster and I strenuously object to it. Fiona Daly