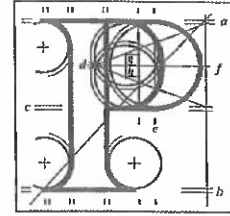


**Our Case Number:** ABP-316272-23

**Planning Authority Reference Number:**



**An  
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Grove Park Residents Group  
c/o 91 Grove Park  
Rathmines  
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.

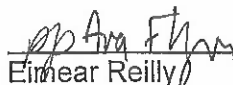
Please note that the proposed road development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it or approved it with modifications.

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](mailto: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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## GROVE PARK RESIDENTS GROUP

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### RE : BusConnects Rathfarnham to City Centre Route Ref ABP 316272-23

#### Introduction

This submission is made on behalf of the Grove Park Residents Group in relation to BusConnects Route 12 Rathfarnham to City Centre.

The basic premise of the '15 minute city' is one that the residents of Grove Park can clearly identify with, considering the plentiful services on our doorstep and we are, needless to say, favourable to better pedestrian, cycle and public transport routes.

Although we have studied the proposal in the wider context, our main focus is the impact that this will have on Grove Park and the area from the Bus Gate at St Mary's College Rathmines north to Grove Road and the canal. Residents and businesses on Blackberry Lane, Lissenfield and the Lower Rathmines Road as well as Rathmines Church will also be seriously impacted and many of our comments will hold true for them.

Grove Park Residents are very concerned that the measures proposed for the Lower Rathmines Road are ill-conceived and binary with an obvious focus on road engineering solutions rather than community, civic and urban improvement. The proposals, if implemented in their current form, will have a major and detrimental effect on access and egress to our road for all forms of vehicles including utilities, deliveries, as well as private transport. This area will be virtually cut off from Rathmines and the city between the hours of 6am and 8pm, seven days a week. This restriction is unwarranted and unnecessary.

#### Background

Grove Park has 104 residences built at the turn of the 1900s with, according to the 2022 census, a population in the region of 900 people. Approximately 15% are owner occupier with the remainder buildings in multi occupancy dwellings. There are currently over 100 on street parking spaces including a number of disabled accessible spaces. At the Rathmines end of the road, there is a local convenience store as well as the Leeson Park School of Music.

#### Current Situation

At present, Grove Park is accessed and egressed from the Rathmines Road along with egress only onto Grove Road/Canal. This allows easy access and egress from all directions except for access from the West as there is no right turn at off at Portobello Bridge. Many cars turn around into Mountpleasant Avenue to approach from the East. Heavy traffic flow along the Rathmines Road is directional and usually associated with morning or evening rush hour. Traffic on Grove Road / Canal is constantly heavy with regular traffic jams between Portobello Bridge and Harolds Cross Bridge as regularly reported on AA Roadwatch. Grove Road/ Canal is avoided at all costs by local residents.

#### Proposal

The mountainous array of documents submitted by BusConnects in this planning process have made the task of understanding the rationale behind many decisions nigh on impossible. It should also be noted that there was a complete lack of advertising and therefore awareness, to the Public Engagement. Most local residents only became aware when the CPO notices were fixed to local lampposts.

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