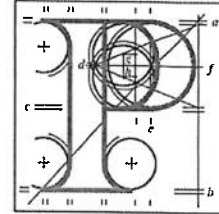


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**Planning Authority Reference Number:**



**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

Helena McLaughlin  
24 Highfield Road  
Rathgar

**Date:** 10 July 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.

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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I Helena McLaughlin, a resident of Highfield Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6 do wish to serve notice of my objection to the proposed road development consisting of the BusConnects Corridor for Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre.

This objection is on the grounds of the following:

1) The proposal will likely lead to a huge increase in traffic on Highfield Road and surrounding streets due to the introduction of a one way system on Rathgar Road. This will greatly impact the quality of life in terms of noise traffic and emissions, traffic danger, access and egress to peoples homes, schools, shops etc. in what is a quiet family oriented, close community residential neighbourhood.

2) The proposal will adversely affect my enjoyment of my home and will also likely have a material effect on the future value of my property.

3) No proper cost benefit analysis or Environment Impact Assessment has been performed on the project in light of:

- The impact on residents of Rathgar including Terenure, Rathgar Road, Rathmines Road, Highfield Road and environs
- No proper assessment of the potential benefits of the project in terms of increase number of passengers or total journey time saved for those passengers particularly in the context of material changes in commuting patterns post Covid and increase in working from home.
- No assessment of the impact of property rights
- No assessment of the impact of diverted traffic flows to Upper Rathmines Road, Highfield Road, Dartry, Milltown etc.

4) The proposal will bring serious destruction to an area of Dublin renowned for its character and architecture with the destruction of walls, railings, gardens and trees along Terenure Road East and Rathgar Road which is a highly protected part of the historic Victorian part of the city.

5) Will impact existing bus routes of Highfield Road very detrimentally.

6) I consider the proposal to be fundamentally undemocratic and against the wishes of the vast majority of residents in Dublin 6 and it's environs with no attempt to properly assess its true impact on the liveability and character of the area and no real attempt to discuss with stakeholders or consider realistic alternatives.

Helena McLaughlin  
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