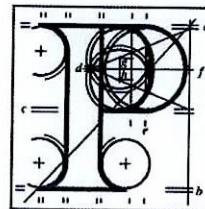


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Planning Authority Reference Number:



**An
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Pleanála**

Kathryn & Eoin McVey
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Dublin 6
D06EA30

Date: 17 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,


Eimear Reilly
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Having attended numerous meetings in our area over the past few months to try and get a handle on the Bus Connect Project – we feel that in a number of areas it has not been thought through enough. The current submission fails to credibly articulate the capacity to deliver its fundamental ideas.

We feel that it **does not enhance the long-term viability of the city and the suburbs** through which it runs – in essence **it falls far short of what should and could be expected by a government agency.**

The throughput of traffic on the Rathgar Road does not accurately account for the numbers of cars and lorries using same - **the figures presented are unintelligible on the current plan** and will create a negative contribution and impact on people's lives.

Highfield Road will now become a main throughfare with **major congestion at the village of Rathgar** causing spectacular disruption to residents on this road.

There is no indication as to the changes and increasing traffic in peripheral roads

We request An Bord Pleanála to reject the applications as we feel that a more comprehensive review of the long term transportation is needed - in effect having a regard to the quality of life of residents and that of future residents in the affected areas.

The overall findings state that there will initially be increased vehicular traffic and in line with this the Bus Connect Corridor will only take, at an **enormous outlay and disruption**, single figure minutes off the journey time – and more fundamentally that this will reduce even further by 2035.

Most people seem to favour a **tram system** or if funds allowed an underground/overground Metro, which could be integrated **with cross route bus transport** with less overall disruption.

The **documentation submitted by the Bus Connect Project has a number of errors** in their figures and Data and we request that an honest reflection of those impacts should be drawn up and submitted in a single omnibus submission for all of the Bus Connect Project and provide for **independent consultants to be available to the public for engagement**

Public consultation has been very unfair and has just been presented to the community as a fait accompli

Bus Connect has failed to provide independent consultancy to the public which has caused significant distrust in the project along with inaccurate information in the submission which raises questions as to the motivations behind the application and its credibility.

We request that An Bord Pleanála rejects the applications and requires the responsible state bodies to resubmit accurate and honest documentation ensuring **full compliance with the Aarhus convention** which it currently fails to do.