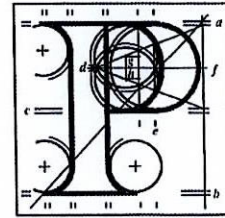


**Our Case Number:** ABP-316272-23

**Planning Authority Reference Number:**



**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

Liam Fitzgerald  
52 Highfield Road  
Rathgar  
Dublin 6  
D06 A3F8

**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.

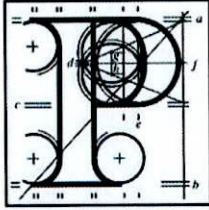
Yours faithfully,

  
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## Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

### Observer's details

#### 1. Observer's details (person making the observation)

If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.

If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

(a) Observer's name

Liam Fitzgerald

(b) Observer's postal address

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### Agent's details

#### 2. Agent's details (if applicable)

If you are an agent and are acting for someone else **on this observation**, please **also** write your details below.

If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

NA

(b) Agent's postal address

NA

## Postal address for letters

3. During the process to decide the application, we will post information and items to you or to your agent. For this **current application**, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only)

You (the observer) at the postal address in Part 1

The agent at the postal address in Part 2

## Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the **current application** you wish to make an observation.

- (a) **An Bord Pleanála case number for the current application (if available)**  
(for example: 300000)

316272

- (b) **Name or description of proposed development**

Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme

- (c) **Location of proposed development**

(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

Templeogue/Rathfarnham/Rathgar/Rathmines

## Observation details

### 5. Grounds

Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below. There is **no word** limit as the box expands to fit what you write.

You can also insert photographs or images in this box. (See part 6 – Supporting materials for more information).

The current plans for Templeogue/Rathfarnham Bus Corridor will cause huge difficulties for our community (Rathgar Village and surrounding areas). The proposed bus corridor will cut through Rathgar and will have significantly negative impacts for Rathgar Village and surrounding roads.

Of particular concern is the greatly increased levels of traffic on Highfield Road by virtue of Rathgar Road becoming one-way towards the city centre.

This change along with the proposal to allow a right turn from Rathmines Road Upper to Highfield Road will ensure that Highfield Road will become the main route for motor vehicle traffic out of town in the direction of the corridor.

Highfield Road cannot sustain that level of traffic. As it is currently, at various times of the day there is significant traffic congestion on this road leading up to Rathgar Village. The congestion will be escalated to unsustainable levels due to the increased traffic volume and proposal to allow right turns onto Highfield Road.

Add to this the intended introduction of a new Orbital Bus route on Highfield Road. This will most certainly not only amplify the traffic problems, it will also make the road unsafe for road users and pedestrians.

## 5. Grounds

Furthermore the proposed changes will require tree felling which as a resident I strongly object to. It will lead to increased noise pollution and increased emissions greatly reducing the air quality. Gardens along the route will be lost. All for very tiny gains if any on commute times.

## Supporting materials

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

You can insert photographs and similar items in your observation details: grounds (part 5 of this form).

If your supporting materials are physical objects, you must send them together with your observation by post or deliver it in person to our office. You cannot use the online uploader facility.

## Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct fee is included with your observation.

### **Observers (except prescribed bodies)**

- strategic infrastructure observation is €50.
- there is no fee for an oral hearing request

## Oral hearing request

8. If you wish to request the Board to hold an oral hearing, please tick the “Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing” box below.

You can find information on how to make this request on [our website](#) or by contacting us.

If you do not wish to request an oral hearing, please tick the “No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing” box.

**Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing**

**No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing**

## Final steps before you send us your observations

9. If you are sending us your observation using **the online uploader facility**, remember to save this document as a Microsoft word or PDF and title it with:

- the case number and your name, or
- the name and location of the development and your name.

This also applies to prescribed bodies sending an observation by email.

If you are sending your observation to us by post or delivering in person, remember to print off all the pages of this document and send it to us.

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**For Office Use Only**

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Date		Date	

**Notes**