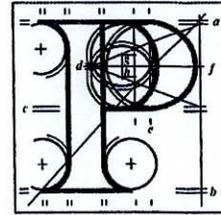


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Planning Authority Reference Number:



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Mark and Linda Smith
Bijou
46/47 Highfield Road
Rathgar
Dublin 6

Date: 14 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
Executive Officer
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OBSERVATION/OBJECTION

31/7/2023

To An Bord Pleanála Board,

We are Business Owners in the Village of Rathgar for over 30 years, Bijou Deli and Bijou Bistro.

Where else in Ireland can we find an environment of masterpieces – Granite, Red Brick, Ironwork, Homes, Gardens, Streets, Squares, Parklands, Riverside Walks, Vintage Trees (among the oldest in Ireland), Birthplace of Genius Writers, Business and Revolutionaries. I am sure you have researched all of this.

NTA is using millions of Euros with its current plans that could destroy this Urban Masterpiece. This does not make sense.

The wrong Transport solution at the wrong time, at a time of Climate Crisis, Ignoring Climate Change targets and policies rather than introducing congestion charges or a “park and ride” is a serious error.

Our premises at 46/47/49 Highfield Road, relies on daily deliveries; however, the proposed plan does not factor in an area for trucks and vans to unload. We currently have a loading bay outside the adjoining premises which is Supervalu. They Supervalu have frequent 40 Foot trailer deliveries multiple times daily – What provision has been made for these delivery trucks, lorries, and vans?

As business owners, we are concerned about the lack of parking; the non-widening of footpaths; the cycle lanes will block kerbside access for pedestrians in particular the elderly.

The planned frequency of Busses cutting through Rathgar Village under the Bus Connects plan is disproportionate and will permanently destroy the fabric of this historic area.

No reliable figures have been provided by the NTA to show what element of claimed shorter journey times, will be attributable to the destruction of many mature trees, rather than the use of priority traffic lights or cashless fares.

Rathgar Bus Corridor – will bring no benefits to Rathgar, there are no plans for plazas or outdoor seating – Nothing to add to our Village.

It will do serious and long-term damage.

As business owners, we fully endorse the Submission made by Rathgar Residents Association.

Yours faithfully

Mark & Linda Smith

MARK AND LINDA SMITH

We enclose a cheque for €50 for Fee.