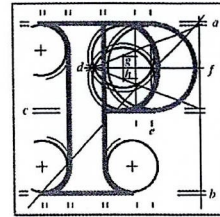


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Mary O'Farrell  
56 Moyne Road  
Ranelagh  
Dublin 6

Date: 29 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,

Eimear Reilly  
Executive Officer  
Direct Line: 01-8737184  
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## Eimear Reilly

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**From:** LAPS  
**Sent:** Wednesday 16 August 2023 10:34  
**To:** Eimear Reilly  
**Subject:** FW: Your ref NPA-OBS-002324.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023 7:08 PM  
**To:** LAPS <laps@pleanala.ie>  
**Subject:** Your ref NPA-OBS-002324.

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### Observation on the Bus Gate At Lower Rathmines Road.

Dear Sirs attached please find my observation a copy of letter from the Parish Priest which summarises my concerns.

This Church is also used by local parish youth groups. It is a free amenity (donation based)

in a dublin where most clubs/activites are by paid membership.

Dear Parishioners/Friends of Rathmines, letter dated 21 May 2023.

I would like to bring to your attention that the National Transport Authority (NTA) have made an application to An Bord Pleanála for approval of the proposed Templeogue/Rathfarnham to city centre bus corridor. NTA documentation may be viewed and downloaded at [www.templeoguerathfarnhamscheme.ie](http://www.templeoguerathfarnhamscheme.ie). Submissions/observations on this scheme may be made up to 5pm on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023 online at [www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/observations](http://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/observations) or by post to An Bord Pleanála (Strategic Infrastructure Division), 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.

In terms of Rathmines, the impact of this proposal may be dramatic especially for those who live here. The Church of Mary Immaculate Refuge of Sinners Rathmines is 200 years old this year – that's 200 years serving this local community. The proposal of a 'Bus Gate' at St. Mary's School on Rathmines Road Lower would mean no through inbound or outbound traffic except for bus, bicycles, and taxis. This would directly impact on all our parishioners and friends who attend Church in Rathmines.

On a very practical level it would mean that no cars could access our Church and obviously funerals, weddings, baptisms, and all other celebrations would be directly impacted in a negative way. The elderly, invalids, and those with mobility issues, would be impact

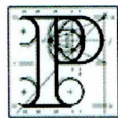
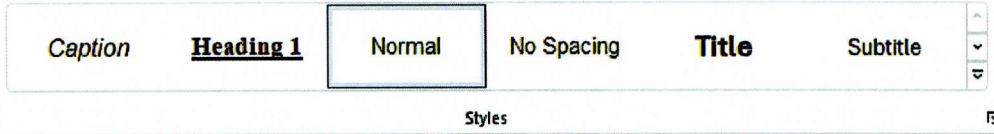
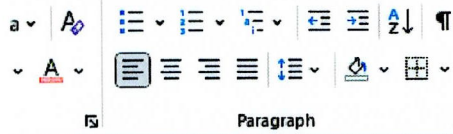
ed negatively too.

Let me put it simply, as the proposal currently stands it would be a disaster for this Parish Church and without any exaggeration could lead to an impoverishment of the services we provide as well as the Church becoming redundant over time.

As you may know, I am completely over stretched, and don't have time to oppose this on my own. So, I am asking all of you who are parishioners or friends of Rathmines, to please take a look at the proposal and please, please do not sit on your hands, but rather help us by actively objecting to this proposal in whatever way or form you feel is appropriate for you. Our politicians and public representatives should also be made aware of your concerns or objections. I am expressing no view on the Bus Corridor, but rather on the 'Bus Gate' proposal which has made no allowances for us to function as a Church.

I thank you for your assistance.

**Fr Andrew O'Sullivan PP**  
**Rathmines Parish**



An Bord Pleanála

## Observation on a Planning Appeal: Form.

### Your 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:  
Your full details:

(a) Name

Click or tap here to enter text.  
Mary O'Farrell

(b) Address

56 Moyne Road Ranelagh Dublin 6

### Agent's details