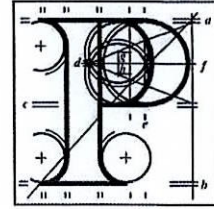


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Mery Fenton, Olwyn Callaghan & Mary Rose Callaghan
43 Lissenfield
Lower Rathmines Road
Dublin 6
D06 XH96

Date: 22 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.

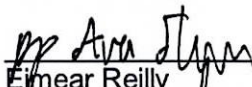
Please note that the proposed road development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it or approved it with modifications.

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,


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64 Marlborough Street,
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Re: Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme.

A chara,

As owners of properties at Lissenfield, Lower Rathmines Road, Dublin 6 respectively, we wish to highlight our grave concerns regarding the proposed Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme, which has been submitted to An Bord Pleanála for approval. We respectfully suggest that the proposed 'bus gate' on Lower Rathmines Road be re-sited/re-located to the north of Lissenfield's entrance, ideally, to the north of Church of Mary Immaculate Refuge of Sinners (Rathmines Parish Church) and that the intended restriction on right turning vehicular movements by general traffic from their entrance onto Lower Rathmines Road, be omitted from the Bus Corridor Scheme, for the reasons and considerations set out below:

- Lissenfield is a mature cul-de-sac residential development comprising 57 homes and the entrance to Lissenfield opens directly onto Lower Rathmines Road, which is a key section of the proposed Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme between it and the junction of Lower Rathmines Road and Richmond Hill and of Rathmines Village and its environs. It is home to c.100 residents, a cross-generational community comprising young single people, couples, young families and older people. Lissenfield residents are active members of the Rathmines community and avail of a wide range of local community, social, retail, cultural and other facilities and services in Rathmines Village and locale. The proposed siting of the 'bus gate' is to the immediate south of the entrance to Lissenfield, will result in restrictions being applied to right hand turning movements of vehicular traffic from Lissenfield towards Rathmines Village. For particular members of the Lissenfield community e.g., people with mobility issues, elderly people and parents with young children etc., who are compelled to use their car to access essential medical, hospital, childcare, retail, social, banking and other essential services and their only access route to these facilities/services is via Lower Rathmines Road. Access to these services is critical to sustaining the vibrant Lissenfield community and to their quality of life. In essence, the siting of the 'bus gate' and restrictions on vehicular movements will sever Lissenfield residents' connection to Rathmines Village and its wide range of essential community, medical, social and retail facilities and services;
- The proposed restrictions on Lissenfield residents' vehicular movements *i.e.*, travelling north from Lissenfield to turn left at the junction of Lower Rathmines Road and Grove Road at La Touche Bridge, will be the only direct vehicular access route for Lissenfield residents to Rathmines Village. This will have a serious, disruptive impact on Lissenfield residents' levels of connectivity and access to essential community, medical, childcare, banking, retail and other essential services in Rathmines Village and its environs. Moreover, it will add significantly to the time, cost, inconvenience and stress involved by having to take an unnecessarily circuitous route to avail of local services and amenities.
- Individually, we each have personal circumstances that require us to have immediate access to medical and primary care services, including being: (i) a single Mother of a 4 year old child with severe Anaphylaxis allergy, a sudden and very serious allergic reaction, which requires the Mother's immediate access to the child's school in Milltown and Hospital A&E service; (ii) a person recovering from two Strokes; (iii) next of kin to a sibling with severe mental health problems; and (iv) a carer of an elderly Mother (84 years). These circumstances highlight the complex responsibilities of Lissenfield residents and their need for immediate and ease of access to their family members and to vital medical and primary care services. Therefore, any added anxiety and stress on Lissenfield residents as how to navigate circuitous routes to vital medical care should be avoided at all costs.

Thank you for considering our observations and we await the decision of An Bord Pleanála.

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Mary Fenton (43), Olwyn Callaghan (37) and Mary Rose Callaghan (20)