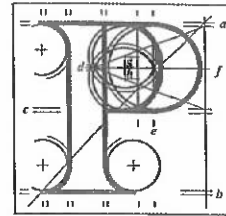


Our Case Number: ABP-316272-23

Planning Authority Reference Number:



**An
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Mick and Miriam Dunne
17 Villiers Road
Rathmines
Dublin 6
D06A0X3

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

Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

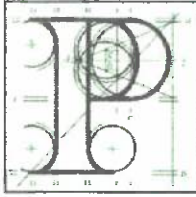

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Observation on a Planning Appeal: Form.

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

Mick & Miriam Dunne

(b) Address

Both of : 17 Villiers Road, D06A0X3

Agent's details

2. Agent's details

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

(b) Agent's address

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

You (the observer) at the address in Part 1

The agent at the address in Part 2

Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the appeal you wish to make an observation on. If you want, you can include a copy of the planning authority's decision as the observation details.

(a) Planning authority

(for example: Ballytown City Council)

Dublin City Council

(b) An Bord Pleanála appeal case number (if available)

(for example: ABP-300000-19)

Click or tap here to enter text.

(c) Planning authority register reference number

(for example: 18/0123)

Click or tap here to enter text.

(d) Location of proposed development

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

e Templeogue / Rathfarnham to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme

Observation details

5. Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below or you can attach them separately.

Attached separately

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.

Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct **fee** is included with your observation. You can find out the correct fee to include in our [Fees and Charges Guide](#) on our website.

This document has been awarded a Plain English mark by NALA.

Last updated: April 2019.



We are Mick Dunne & Miriam Dunne, both residents of 17 Villiers Road, D06 A0X3, and are writing to object to the NTA Bus Connects plan route 12. We do not accept that the transportation needs of Dublin city require or justify the Route 12 proposals for the following main reasons:

Summary

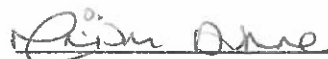
- NTA have failed to put the routes on display, to hold public information events, to provide an accessible planning document and have disenfranchised the average resident, commuter and bus user. They have failed to communicate the benefits and implications of the proposal and therefore they have failed to empower people to make an informed submission to the planning process.
- The proposals will, if implemented, very severely impact non-bus traffic in the form of lorries, vans, cars and motorcycles and e-mopeds.
- If implemented, there will be wide-spread and very severe peak-time non-bus traffic congestion on major traffic arteries and residential side roads including Villiers Road
- This severe congestion will be seriously damaging to Dubliners and local residents for whom improved bus transport does not meet their needs.
- No proper research is evident in the published proposals of the collateral damage to non-bus transportation
- No proper research is evident of the environmental and ecological impact of the bus route 12
- Data used for modelling all traffic and usage flows are pre-pandemic and out of date rendering the model and conclusions invalid.
- The proposed introduction of buses and the inevitable additional traffic flow arising from the closure of Rathgar Road to outbound non bus transport will impact not only Highfield Road but Villiers Road, Neville Road and Templemore Avenue. They will become through cuts from Upper Rathmines Road to avoid queuing at the proposed traffic lights at the Dartry road end of Highfield Road. The consequence of

this proposal is that residents of those narrow residential roads will bear the burden of the introduction of the Bus Gate on lower Rathmines Rd .

- Specifically in relation to route 12 proposals the route for buses and cars and cycles travelling from Rathmines through Rathgar is not specified . Changes in access from the upper Rathmines road and the removal of the slip at the junction of Highfield road and Rathgar Village suggest that Highfield road is the proposed outbound route for buses cars and cycles (Environmental Impact Assessment Report (E.I.A.R) Volume 2 fig 3.7 .pp 17 option CB7). This option if implemented will create severe and prolonged congestion on this residential road and in many of the residential side roads nearby and diminishing the quality of life of residents in this area and making the road unsafe for users including many schoolchildren cycling and walking to nine schools in the area. We simply cannot understand how this decision could have been made, nor indeed why the significant negative impacts on Highfield Road and its immediate environs gets so little comment in your Reports.

I request that an Bord Pleanala reject the current NTA plan for bus route 12 on the bases given above

Signed: 
Mick Dunne


Miriam Dunne

Date: 15/8/2023

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