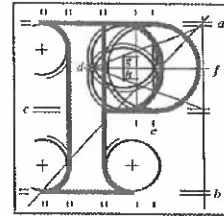


Our Case Number: ABP-316272-23



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Monica Tansey
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Date: 12 July 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.

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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Further to my letter of even date re the above, I enclose herewith cheque €50.00 omitted in error from that letter.

Please acknowledge safe receipt.

Yours faithfully,

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*Enclosures = cheque €50.00
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I find the proposal incomprehensible for a number of reasons.

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bottleneck just at the point where it approaches the Templeogue Crossroads. The benefit is unclear.

3. The proposal to CPO the areas containing trees, as designated on the deposited maps is in effect a proposal to take what are public spaces. While these spaces may well be legally owned by Dublin City Council, they are effectively held in trust for the benefit of the public which is served by the same City Council. As a member of the public I strongly object to the Compulsory Purchase of these lands by the National Transport Authority.

It is possible for an alternative plan to be made.

The objective of the Scheme is stated to be: 'to provide improved walking, cycling and bus infrastructure'. It is submitted that construction of infrastructure cannot be the sole objective. Account must be taken of the health of the users, and of the protection of the biodiversity, including plant, animal, bird and insect life. A mature tree can support thousands of different species of birds, insects and animals. These creatures, together with cyclists and pedestrians, need to breathe.

My suggestions are:

At Bushy Park:

- 1.1 Create a cycle lane beside the existing footpath within the park. There is no need to destroy trees to do this. If there is a tree partly in the way of the proposed path, go around it.
- 1.2 LEAVE THE TREES AS THEY ARE – growing, transpiring, and supporting and contributing to the health and well being of the community, as they have done for many, many years.
- 1.3 Let pedestrians continue to use the existing park pathway.

At the Rathdown Park section:

- 1.4 Let cyclists and pedestrians use Rathdown Drive (as they currently do).
- 1.5 At the Terenure end of the Rathdown Drive section it may be necessary to compulsorily purchase a small section of one side or the other (possibly between Rathdown Park and Terenure Cross, and either from existing gardens on the Fergus Road side, or from the sports ground on the Lakelands Park side).
- 1.7 Make the highway for bus use only.
- 1.8 Divert other vehicular traffic.
- 2 If this proves not to be possible, PLEASE consider the Compulsory Purchase of part of the properties on the far side of the road. There are some trees, but not so many would be destroyed.

But please do not destroy thousands of years worth of growth with the result being to further pollute the environment.

Alleged progress is not everything. Travelling more quickly or more efficiently towards what is ultimately our end, should not be the goal.

I enclose cheque €50.00. Please acknowledge safe receipt of this submission, and keep me advised of how this matter proceeds.

Yours sincerely,

Monica Tansey



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