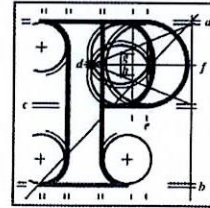


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**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Naomi Murphy
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Dublin 6

Date: 17 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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Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to object to the proposed Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme.

Additional Bus Capacity /Bus Corridors

I do not agree with the idea that the provision of extra bus priority measures and corridors will enhance 'active travel'. As you will be aware since Covid pandemic less traffic /travel is required to the city centre for employment purposes. People are working remotely and entitled to enjoy their local amenities and connect with family /friends in local area without navigating routes to avoid bus /cycle lanes and traffic.

Local amenity access

The Templeogue Bus Corridor will mean that I cannot drive locally to elderly relatives who require support in Templeogue or Greenlea Road /Terenure areas. Whilst Bus /cycle options are very welcome for those who are physically able to walk /cycle, our elder members of the community will be hugely disadvantaged by the inability to access local amenities /shops /churches/ parks. I view this plan as being discriminatory to our elder population and not properly thought out.

Precedence would show that bus travel is not the preferred mode of transport and frequently buses are running without customers. Children attend local schools and do not need access of a bus corridor to the city centre. The idea that this proposal will increase bus capacity without proper consideration of population and destination is another failure. Children also need access to local parks and sports amenities and the idea that these should only be accessed by parents walking/cycling their children to these venues is absurd. Of course this will suit the minority who live close by but not those who need to travel further. This has the potential to stop children enrolling in extra curriculum sports and activities if the only way of getting to these locations is to walk/cycle or get a bus ! It is just not practical.

Landscape /Biodiversity /impact on Health

The disruption likely during the construction phase will be enormous on local communities. Cutting of Trees in Templeogue/ Rathgar /Rathmines area should be avoided at all costs and I do not agree with any plans to cut these down to make room for additional buses/bus corridors. A recent study would show that areas with no biodiversity have much lower air quality, so it seems counterintuitive to have bus corridors /busses running constantly past private homes.

Other Alternatives

I would welcome a more balanced approach incorporating all members of the community that could come up with a solution that avoids the utter disruption and damage that this proposed Bus Corridor Scheme will create.

The area needs to be serviced by a light rail system (Luas/Metro) to bring us in line with all other European countries yet this option seems to have been disregarded in preference for an endless run of empty busses into the city centre.

I urge the Planning office to block this proposal and consider all other options that takes consideration of all members of the community and properly consider the health and wellbeing of our population in the years to come.

Finally for the record I really object to having to pay €50.00 to record my views on this proposed scheme, particularly at a time of ongoing high costs and inflationary pressures. Ensuring that there balanced input into something of such importance should be a human right and not a personal cost.

Yours sincerely

Naomi Murphy