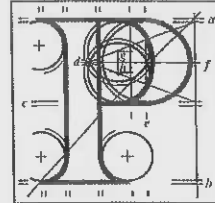


Our Case Number: ABP-316272-23

Planning Authority Reference Number:



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Patrick O'Hagan
10 Rathdown Drive
Terenure
Dublin 6W

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,

Eimear Reilly
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29 July 2023

Re:

Templeogue/Rathfarnham City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to make a submission in respect of the planning application submitted to An Bord Pleanála ("the Board") by the National Transport Authority ("NTA") in respect of the proposed BusConnects Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme. I attach submission fee of €50.00.....

As a resident of Rathdown Drive in Terenure I am mainly concerned with the impact all this disruption, unnecessary destruction, will have on the historic village of Terenure, which will largely become just a super thoroughfare,.....

HUGE COST.....for very little return.... Over 2 Billion at present....all this due for review in 10-15 years time.....why not do the job properly.....extend Luas or Dart to Tallaght, or build a metro from Rathmines to Knocklyon-Tallaght...

.BUSES.... a couple of mins faster, 5-7 extra buses...less and less people will be travelling into the city centre....some roads no bus stop....ageing population.... how do they travel....loss of mature trees, and green belt adjacent to Rathdown Drive and Bushy Park. negative effect on the environment.... increase in carbon emissions and noise and limiting residents access their homes in the most efficient manner....

CYCLE LANES

AN BORD PLEANÁLA	
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CYCLE LANES

Would welcome more cycle lanes, albeit not everybody will be able to cycle....these cycle lanes need to be properly laid out and be continuous and not stop start..... one minute you are on a cycle lane.. next you are out on the main road, they need to be a proper width and properly maintained,.....at the moment you are safer on the main road rather than trying to avoid the pot holes, debris, glass, illegal parking.. obstructions etc

TREES

I am concerned about the lack of consideration given to the removal of garden and street trees . No proposals as to how mature trees will be replaced, with the result of increase in the amount of carbon in the atmosphererefers particularly to Rathdown Drive, and Bushy Park.....we need more trees, especially mature ones, rather than less....

GREEN AREA OPPOSITE RATHDOWN DRIVE. TERENCE.

This unique and beautiful green belt in Rathdown needs to be protected and upgraded, it brings a wonderful air of peace and calm to the heart of a very busy urban area.....proposals to possibly remove some mature trees, some over 100 years old, will have a serious detrimental effect on the whole area, not to mention 'air quality' surely a cycle lane can be facilitated on the main Templeogue road instead of driving it through this green area, same with the proposal to use part of Bushy Park....

SUMMARY.....

Very little gainfor so much pain, disruption, and destruction...

Huge costs.....will need to be reviewed in 10-15 years time...better options than BusConnect

Benefits.....very few if any residents will be better off if this plan is fully implemented....

Cycle lanes.....no problem with them, as long as they are proper cycle lanes, and are maintained....

Environment.....would like to think that it would be improved, but cannot see how....

Many thanks for your time and patience...

yours sincerely

Patrick O'Hagan...10 Rathdown Drive, Terenure...Dublin 6W