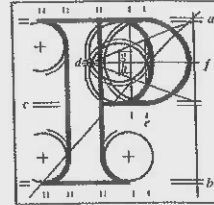


Our Case Number: ABP-316272-23

Planning Authority Reference Number:



**An
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Pleanála**

Paul Kavanagh
127 Rathgar Road
Dublin 6

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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From Paul Kavanagh and Family

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We are writing in connection with application 316272

We object to this application/Plan for the following reasons

In the UK where in some areas changes like this have been introduced, they are now reversing the changes as they did not work and have presented more problems than they solved. This needs to be examined for the long term.

- Most of the research was done a good few years ago, pre covid and a lot has changed, which does not seem to be considered.
- The destruction it will bring to the current protected environment and loss of trees and heritage.
- There have been no public oral hearings to listen to people living in area recently
- My family live in the area and use the bus services, we see these changes as un-necessary, living and using the current service and in fact we feel these changes will cause more problem than it will solve, examples are having to do a longer journeys as a result of new system, and congestion that will result from the changes. We will need to use car more, when we agree and support a good public transport system, these are not the right plans and the cost of them is crazy.
- It will be harder if us to get buses, as bus stops are to be moved, I have limited mobility, so I would have to use car more, than I do now.
- We live in the Rathgar area and enjoy being part of the village and community, which will effectively be killed off by the planned changes.
- The one-way system on Rathgar Road will make it very difficult to get back into our home and the need to use our car more, which defeats the goal of these changes. In fact, we may need to get another car.
- Reports by experts have been produced by Rathgar Residence association and people living in Rathgar at considerable cost, these reports do not seem to have been considered and they show many faults with the current plan.
- While we understand this is not just about people living in Rathgar, we have a right to be considered and to ask for this plan to be changed and other ways to be tested which we have not seen evidence of.

The Kavanagh Family