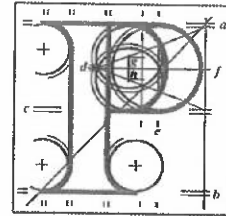


Our Case Number: ABP-316272-23



An
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Paul and Maria Baird
1 Manor Avenue
Terenure
Dublin 6W
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Date: 15 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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Templeogue/Rathfarnham Core Bus Corridor and Kimmage/Harolds Cross Core bus corridor to City Centre

We live off Fortfield Road and attended 2 community meetings in relation to the Templeogue/Rathfarnham bus corridor and will be affected by it and the Kimmage/Harolds Cross bus corridor proposed changes.

The immediate implications of these **Badly Planned and not well thought out** proposals to the area we live in and how we will navigate our way to the city centre or anywhere within our local environments or across city are as follows:

- (1) **An unacceptable buildup of traffic all day long especially during the morning rush hour on Fortfield Road which will restrict access from our house, delays in travelling on any of the local main roads**
- (2) **Fortfield Road will become a permanent, though moving car park which** will result in noise and air pollution
- (3) **Having looked extensively at the planning documents I have not been able to find the answer to a significant question: when the buses heading into the city centre arrive at the bottom of George's Street, where will they go to then. The city council are closing off Dame Street to traffic, and pedestrianisation of Parliament Street is also being considered. So the only route available is left at the bottom of George's Street towards Christchurch. And from that, another question arises: how are the buses going to get back up George's Street.**
If these issues have not been addresses in the planning application, how can the permission be granted?

Also at the meetings we attended we were advised that the likely reduction in car journeys as a result of Bus Connects is in the region of 5%. The level of spend on infrastructure as well as the destruction of grass verges and several tree lined areas, on Templeogue Road/Rathdown for example, does not justify the end result. Those proposing Bus Connects need to think of alternatives that cost less, cause less environmental damage, and give a better outcome.