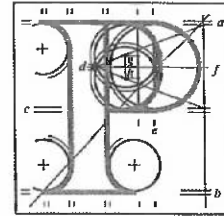


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**Planning Authority Reference Number:**



**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

Philip O'Reilly  
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**Date:** 06 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 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  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I make submission regarding the above.

This proposal is not tenable and should be comprehensively rejected.

It will solve NOTHING and will create any number of problems and will be shown to be a total waste of money.

If there is a problem with transport in Dublin, this will only serve to make things infinitely WORSE for the millions and millions that is being spent on it.

It will be nothing short of a total EXPENSIVE FAILURE

If transport is a problem in Dublin then the way to solve it is with a WORKING SOLUTION and not a totally DISFUNCTIONAL NON-SOLUTION

The only way and the EASIEST way to solve the transport problems in Dublin is with a comprehensive METRO SYSTEM.

Too expensive? We could have ten metro systems in place in Dublin by now for all the money that has been wasted on **TOTALLY FAILED SCHEMES** undertaken over the last 50 years.

Metro too expensive and too time consuming?

A well designed Metro System would be the cheapest in the long run as it would **SOLVE** the transport problems and only some 40% would need to be tunnelled.

But no one is listening. The head in the sand approach that has been prevalent over the last half century and beyond continues with more hair brained and totally destructive schemes.

So you now spend **HUNDREDS** of millions on a "Bus Connects" project and travel times are improved by about 0.5% or 1% at a push and no doubt as had happened multiple times before, the whole scenario will be back behind the starting line after a few years in terms of on-going results.

This scheme will result in **SERIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION**  
**Wholesale loss of trees.**

This scheme will result in **SERIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION**  
**The total destruction to the historical built environment along much of its route**

**Loss of historical boundary walls, boundary railings and front gardens**

**It will in effect introduce the BUS directly into people's LIVING ROOMS.**

This scheme will result in **SERIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION**

**It will totally DESTROY the residential amenity of people living along its route. People will have BUS STOPS in place of their FRONT GARDENS.**

This proposal will result in total and utter transport **CHAOS**  
It will result in total gridlock from Ranelagh through, Rathmines, Rathgar, Terenure and beyond.

And it would appear that to get to Dun Laoghaire from Rathgar going via Rathmines and Ranelagh, it will be necessary to go to Howth to get there.

Or to get to Lower Rathmines you have to go via Raheny

This is serious negligent and wasteful logic.

And it is noted there is no car ferry service between Howth and Dun Laoghaire when you do get to Howth.

Journey distances will be increased by multiple factors meaning more time and more energy consumed.

This scheme is the greatest hair brained scheme that has been thought up in some time and it sure takes the biscuit and the cream. Apart from resulting in total and utter traffic gridlock and chaos where **NOTHING** will move, it will result in at least the quadrupling of travel times in the south side of Dublin and result in travel distances increased by many multiples

It is not possible and never was possible to get two pints into a pint bottle, so like other hairbrained schemes of the past ( the road widening schemes of Dublin between the 1950's and the 1990's ) it will result in a total waste of money to ABSOLUTELY NO WORTHWHILE BENEFIT WHATSOEVER.

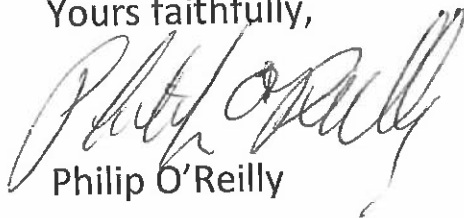
The road widening schemes of past years brought nothing but destruction to the city and this scheme no different.

The transport problems of this city are not going to be solved by continuously putting sticking plasters on OPEN WOUNDS.

This is not dealing with the problems of transport in Dublin  
This is fiddling around the edges and will be a total waste of time, a total waste of money and a total waste of resources.

The whole scheme should be comprehensively thrown out and the money allocated towards the development of a proper comprehensive metro system which is the only way the transport problems of this city will be resolved in the coming quarter century.

Yours faithfully,



Philip O'Reilly