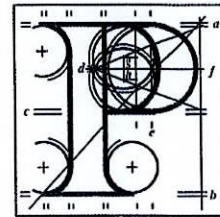


Our Case Number: ABP-316272-23

Planning Authority Reference Number:



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Residents of Lavarna Grove and Lavarna Road
c/o Rachel Moloney
69 Lavarna Grove
Terenure
Dublin 6W

Date: 14 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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Planning application 316272 Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre

- This is an observation on behalf of the undersigned residents of **Lavarna Grove and Lavarna Grove**, Terenure, Dublin 6W. These roads are exclusively residential with approximately 100 houses.

Introduction:

Dublin Bus Connects, a transportation initiative aimed at improving public transit and reducing congestion in Dublin, will bring about a series of unintended negative effects through road closures. While the project seeks to enhance the efficiency of the Dublin bus network, it has resulted in a range of challenges that merit careful consideration.

Specifically, consideration should be given to the side roads of Lavarna Grove and Road, which are situated between the main roads of Fortfield Road and Terenure Road West. Dublin Bus Connect proposes to implement a ban on turning right from Fortfield Road onto Lavarna Grove. This will result in an increase in volume of traffic, amplified air pollution from cars, safety concerns for pedestrians crossing roads, dangers for cyclists, and the lack of policing for no right turns. This article will address these issues in more detail and the adverse impact Dublin Bus Connects will have on the local area.

Increased Volume of Traffic:

One immediate consequence of road closures stemming from Dublin Bus Connects is the redirection of traffic onto alternative routes. The major roads of Fortfield Road and Terenure Road West, undergoing closure or changes in traffic flow will result in an influx of vehicles onto the side roads of Lavarna Grove/Road. Consequently, travel times will increase, and motorists will experience heightened frustration. Moreover, the influx of traffic on residential roads poses risks for all pedestrians who will encounter unfamiliar dangers.

Air Pollution and Vehicle Emissions:

The rise in traffic volume triggered by road closures will contribute to elevated air pollution levels in affected areas. As more cars idle in traffic, harmful emissions such as carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and particulate matter become more prevalent. The increased exposure to these pollutants poses health risks, exacerbating respiratory conditions and potentially leading to long-term health issues for residents.

Safety Concerns for Pedestrians Crossing Roads:

Road closures disrupt established pedestrian routes, resulting in potential dangers for all pedestrians, children and elderly alike, crossing roads. Changes in road layouts and redirected traffic create hazardous situations for all pedestrians and their safety for navigating unfamiliar and congested areas becomes a significant concern.

Danger for Cyclists:

Road closures also present hazards for cyclists. With alterations to road layouts and redirected traffic, cyclists face increased risks and challenges when manoeuvring through unfamiliar areas. The lack of designated cycling infrastructure and the presence of more vehicles on the road heighten the potential for accidents and collisions, endangering the safety of cyclists.

Lack of Policing for Right Turns:

Another significant issue arising from road closures is the lack of adequate policing for right turns. As Dublin Bus Connects proposes a ban on right hand turns from Fortfield road onto Lavarna Grove, drivers may be unaware of new regulations or find themselves navigating unfamiliar routes. Without proper enforcement and awareness campaigns, the potential for accidents or conflicts between motorists and pedestrians increases, further compromising road safety.

Conclusion:

While the implementation of Dublin Bus Connects aims to enhance public transportation and alleviate congestion, it is crucial to address the unintended negative consequences associated with road closures. The increased volume of traffic, heightened air pollution, safety concerns for all pedestrians, children and elderly, crossing roads, dangers for cyclists, and the lack of policing for right turns pose significant challenges. A comprehensive approach that considers the impact on various stakeholders, including residents, motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists, is necessary to ensure the successful and safe implementation of transportation initiatives. It is imperative to prioritise the well-being and safety of all road users while striving for a more efficient and sustainable transportation system in Dublin.

LAVARNA GROVE / ROAD SUBMISSION

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- 5 Conor Mac Artain 67 LAVARNA GR Conor Mac Artain
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- 8 Phyllis Lynch 31 LAVARNA GROVE
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- 11 DEREK THILL 17 Lavarna Rd, D6W CP23 Derek Thill
- 12 PETER + LORRAINE NGABHUU, 21 LAVARNA RD., DUBLIN 6w, Pinjambea
- 13 Louise + Peter Carroll 55 Lavarna Grove, D6W TD39
- 14 TERNAN CARROLL 55 LAVARNA GROVE, D6W TD39.
- 15 Earrin Lochlain Carril 55 Lavarna grove D6W TD39
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