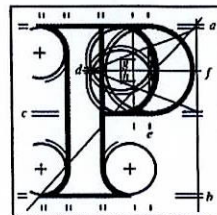


Our Case Number: ABP-316272-23



**An
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Pleanála**

Residents of Mountpleasant Avenue Lower
c/o Patrick Ryan & Corrie Souma Ryan
14 Mountpleasant Avenue Lower
Co. Dublin

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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**Re: Observations of local residents on the Strategic Infrastructure Development Application on the Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme - Plan to Restrict Right of Way at Junction of Mountpleasant Avenue Lower and Richmond Hill
Deposit Map Reference - 1012-DM-0010**

28th July 2023

Dear Sir / Madam,

We, the undersigned residents of Mountpleasant Avenue Lower and environs, would like to commend the decision to close off Mountpleasant Avenue Lower to cars, while still allowing bicycles to traverse the area, as set out on site notice dated 20th April 2023. This forward-thinking approach, a vital part of the BusConnects scheme, will undoubtedly contribute to the creation of a safer, healthier, and more sustainable environment for all.

At present, the Avenue already has a continuous flow of through-traffic during weekdays and queuing cars at several points along the road during rush hours. It is particularly busy when children are going to and from the local schools, and very dangerous, as many need to cross from between parked cars and at the three-way junction with Richmond Hill. It suffers from significant traffic congestion, rat running, speeding and associated noise pollution on a daily basis. The wide junction with the canal also has a steady flow of at-risk cyclists and pedestrians crossing between motorised traffic.

While many drivers are patient and drive at a sensible speed, there is often frustrated beeping and escalations as opposing cars dash towards and or block each other in the single-file sections of the narrow road. Moreover, the official "no-right-turn" restriction into Bannaville, Mountpleasant Terrace, Parade and Ranelagh Mews, is simply not respected. The main practical outcome of the existing traffic-sign is that cars do not indicate their planned turn, instead first check for a Garda checkpoint, and then veer in at the last minute.

By implementing traffic calming measures and reducing vehicular access, the local families and wider community can enjoy a more peaceful and secure environment. This planning decision will lead to a significant improvement in road safety and a large reduction in localised pollution, with fewer cars rat-running, idling and releasing harmful emissions in the tightly enclosed streets in the area.

Furthermore, we believe that the proposed initiative will greatly encourage the use of public transport and facilitate cycling as viable alternatives to driving, improving health and having a positive impact on our collective carbon footprint. Such measures are essential in meeting and exceeding our national targets for carbon emissions reduction, helping us to combat climate change and preserve our planet for our children and future generations.

This decision showcases the value of prioritising environmental concerns and sustainable urban planning. It is an inspiring example for other communities to follow and sets a strong precedent for a greener and healthier future.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Ryan & Corrie Souma Ryan, 14 Mountpleasant Avenue Lower

Geraldine Fox, 13 Mountpleasant Avenue Lower

Michel Golden, 16 Mountpleasant Avenue Lower

Ciarán Egan & Filipa Allen Egan, 55 Mountpleasant Avenue Lower

Rhodri Cusack and Lorina Naci, 42 Mountpleasant Avenue Lower

Sarah Colgan and David Cullen, 23 Mountpleasant Avenue Lower
Aiden Fitzpatrick and Mary Phelan, 2 Mount Pleasant Avenue lower
Alicia O'Keeffe & Kieron Walsh, 39 Mountpleasant Avenue Lower
Nick Jones & Claire Donohoe, 51 Mountpleasant Avenue Lower
Redmond and Sheila Morris, 9 Mount Pleasant Avenue Lower
Andrew Folan, 45 Mountpleasant Avenue Lower
Treasa and Robert Falconer, 7 Mountpleasant Avenue Lower
Martina Healy, 56 Mountpleasant Avenue Lower
Traolach Mellett, 15 Mountpleasant Avenue Lower
Daniel Hartigan, 15 Mountpleasant Avenue Lower
Roisin Monaghan, 15 Mountpleasant Avenue Lower
Niall Walsh, 15 Mountpleasant Avenue Lower
Joan Skelton, 28 Mountpleasant Terrace
Berni Noble, 46 Mountpleasant Avenue Lower
Padraig Maloney & Liz Maloney, 18 Mountpleasant Avenue Lower
William Reidy & Deirdre Dunlevy, 19 Mountpleasant Avenue Lower
Damian Garry & Jessica Farrell, 20 Mountpleasant Avenue Lower
Adam May & Neasa Hardiman, 21 Mountpleasant Avenue Lower
Valerie Lawlor, 36 Mountpleasant Avenue Lower
Pat Bresnihan, 32 Mountpleasant Avenue Lower
Sheila O'Donnell & John Tuomey, 35 Mountpleasant Avenue Lower