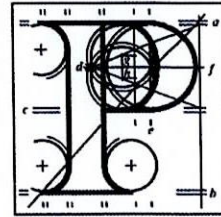


**Our Case Number: ABP-316272-23**



**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

Residents of Upper Rathmines Road  
c/o Martin Dobey  
203 Upper Rathmines Road  
Co. Dublin

**Date:** 08 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](mailto: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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**Submission from a group of Residents on Upper Rathmines Road and environs who have concerns about the impact of the Route 12 Bus Corridor on their roads.**

**3 August 2023**

**Introduction**

We object to the proposal to make Rathgar Road one way. This proposal will shift significant traffic (8,000+ cars and 500+ OGVs) away from a road designed for traffic (Rathgar Road) into surrounding residential roads not suited for such traffic (including Upper Rathmines Road).

The result will be increased congestion, noise, pollution, and danger on these residential roads. The gain of a maximum of 2 minutes for bus traffic travelling north is not significant. Our local bus service will be worse.

The proposal shifts traffic from suitable roads to unsuitable roads for a minimal benefit.

**One Way traffic on Rathgar Road**

The time saving for buses travelling North along Rathgar Road because of this proposal is less than 2 minutes<sup>1</sup>.

The consequence for the surrounding areas is disproportionate to this minimal time saving. Alternatives to this proposal have not been examined.

The proposal has published no assessment of the impact of this change in the residential areas. The residents of Upper Rathmines Road have not been consulted on this.

An average of 8,900 vehicles (including over 500 OGVs)<sup>2</sup> travel south each weekday along Rathgar Road. If Rathgar Road is closed to southbound traffic as proposed, these vehicles will have to travel through Palmerston Park and/or Upper Rathmines Road (and the adjoining roads) to Highfield Road. These roads are not designed to handle this volume of traffic and the result will be congestion and chaos on these roads.

The right turn ban from Upper Rathmines Road to Highfield road was implemented some years ago to manage congestion and increase safety on a very dangerous junction. The proposal to remove it will restore the danger and lead to congestion on Upper Rathmines Road.

The traffic congestion on these residential roads will increase the pollution and damage air quality. NO<sub>2</sub> levels on Upper Rathmines Road are already above the World Health Organisation recommended level of 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup>.

Upper Rathmines Road (from Frankfort Avenue to the Highfield Road junction) is not wide enough to allow SUV or OGVs or Buses to pass a car travelling in the opposite direction. The houses on the road have small front gardens and on street parking only.

**Quality of Bus Service**

The changes will result in a poorer bus service for Rathmines.

The proposed replacement of the 140 bus (originating locally at Palmerston Park) with the new 80 Route (originating from Ballinteer) will result in buses at peak times arriving full and will discourage bus use.

In addition, the travel times on the existing orbital 18 bus route towards Ballsbridge/Sandymount will be adversely impacted by the diversion of traffic down Castlewood Avenue towards Ranelagh

This submission is made by the Residents of Upper Rathmines Road and environs listed below.

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<sup>1</sup> It is suggested in the planning document that the overall time saving from Rathfarnham is at most 8.2 minutes. Two minutes is a generous allocation to impact of the Rathgar Road segment.

<sup>2</sup> Traffic survey conducted over ten days from the 21 November to 4 December 2019

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Tamara Jaradat & Bartley O'Connor	99 Upper Rathmines Road	Tamara Jaradat Bartley O'Connor
Blánaid Hayes & Paul Doherty	181 Upper Rathmines Road	Blánaid Hayes Paul Doherty
Rosie and Peter Thursfield	188 Upper Rathmines Road	Rosie Thursfield Peter Thursfield
Sue Shelley & Fergal McNulty	190 Upper Rathmines Road	Sue Shelley Fergal McNulty
Tara and William Behan	191 Upper Rathmines Road	Tara Behan William Behan
Norma and Gay Mitchell	192 Upper Rathmines Road	Norma Mitchell Gay Mitchell
Patrick Quinlan & Louise Gallivan	193 Upper Rathmines Road	Patrick Quinlan Louise Gallivan
Orla Marron	201 Upper Rathmines Road	Orla Marron
Ger and Karl McCabe	205 Upper Rathmines Road	Ger McCabe Karl McCabe
Ruth Moriarty	209 Upper Rathmines Road	Ruth Moriarty
Cliona Hillery & Mark Nolan	211 Upper Rathmines Road	Cliona Hillery Mark Nolan
Pamela Nicell	219A Upper Rathmines Road	Pamela Nicell
Mary and Aidan Deasy	Cowper Road	Mary Deasy Aidan Deasy
Bernie & Declan Killoran	6 Cowper Road	Bernie Killoran Declan Killoran
Carmen & Niall Tracey	4 Fortfield Terrace	Carmen Tracey Niall Tracey
Jan-Clare & Sean McNeill	6 Fortfield Terrace	Jan-Clare McNeill Sean McNeill
Niamh & Michael Scollard	5 Fortfield Terrace	Niamh Scollard Michael Scollard
Niamh Malone	9 Fortfield Terrace	Niamh Malone
David and Margaret Day	32 Fortfield Terrace	David Day Margaret Day
Carol Murphy	33 Fortfield Terrace	Carol Murphy
Emma Curtis	38 Fortfield Terrace	Emma Curtis
Gerry McMahon	41 Fortfield Terrace	Gerry McMahon
Liz Kirby	43 Fortfield Terrace	Liz Kirby
Noel & Ann Davey	44 Fortfield Terrace	Noel Davey Ann Davey
John & Margaret Campbell	11 Fortfield Terrace	John Campbell Margaret Campbell
Neil & Mary	4 Fortfield Gardens	Neil Mary
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Jimmy Behan	1 Highfield Mews	Jimmy Behan