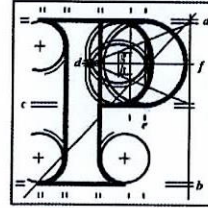


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Planning Authority Reference Number:



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Rita O Cleirigh
28 Grosvenor Place
Rathmines
Dublin 6

Date: 17 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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REF: Observations Re; Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City
Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme

PLAN REFERENCE NUMBER : 316272

Dear Sir/Madam,

The NTA has applied to An Bord Pleanála for approval for a proposed road development consisting of the BusConnets Corridor for Templeogue/Rathfarnham to the city centre. This proposed bus corridor would cut through Rathgar and has very significant negative impacts for Rathgar Village and all of the surrounding roads and indeed many other urban villages and roads in South West Dublin. The claimed gains to the overall speed of buses are too small to justify the burden being placed on Rathgar and the surrounding area.

I believe heritage, trees and wildlife are threatened across Dublin.

My key concerns for the Rathgar area include the impact on environment including increased emissions, noise and loss of trees. Road-widening, which threatens the architectural layout of our streets and will require the felling of mature trees. Residents on many of our smaller streets will suffer as a result of increased traffic flows and parking issues. The knock on effects will include increased traffic, increased emissions due to congestion, one way systems and parking issues. What the NTA has refused to do, is to trial proposed traffic changes. I feel that the current plans overburden Rathgar village and surrounding roads with an increase of bus frequency which will be detrimental to the liveability of our village and area. The routing of all buses from Templeogue/Tallaght and Rathfarnham through Rathgar Village puts a disproportionate burden on Rathgar and Rathmines. These bus routes could have easily been separated with a bus service interconnection in Terenure Village and separate bus services along Terenure Road East (towards Rathgar), and, alternatively, along Terenure Road North and Harold's Cross Road. There is 400 new apartments in Harold's Cross and there seems to be a decrease in buses travelling through Harold's Cross and into Dublin City. Forcing all buses through Rathgar has the direct impact of overwhelming Rathgar Village and community. The route had previously been designated as a cycle route, but that too has been reversed by the Bus Connects proposals. Where as

there will be an inadequate public transport service for Harold's Cross Road .

Regards,
Rita Ó Cléirigh

I enclose the sum of £50.00 in payment of the fee for an observation on 31627

Yours sincerely,

RITA O CLEIRIGH