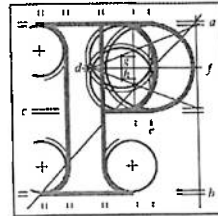


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Date: 10 July 2023

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 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.

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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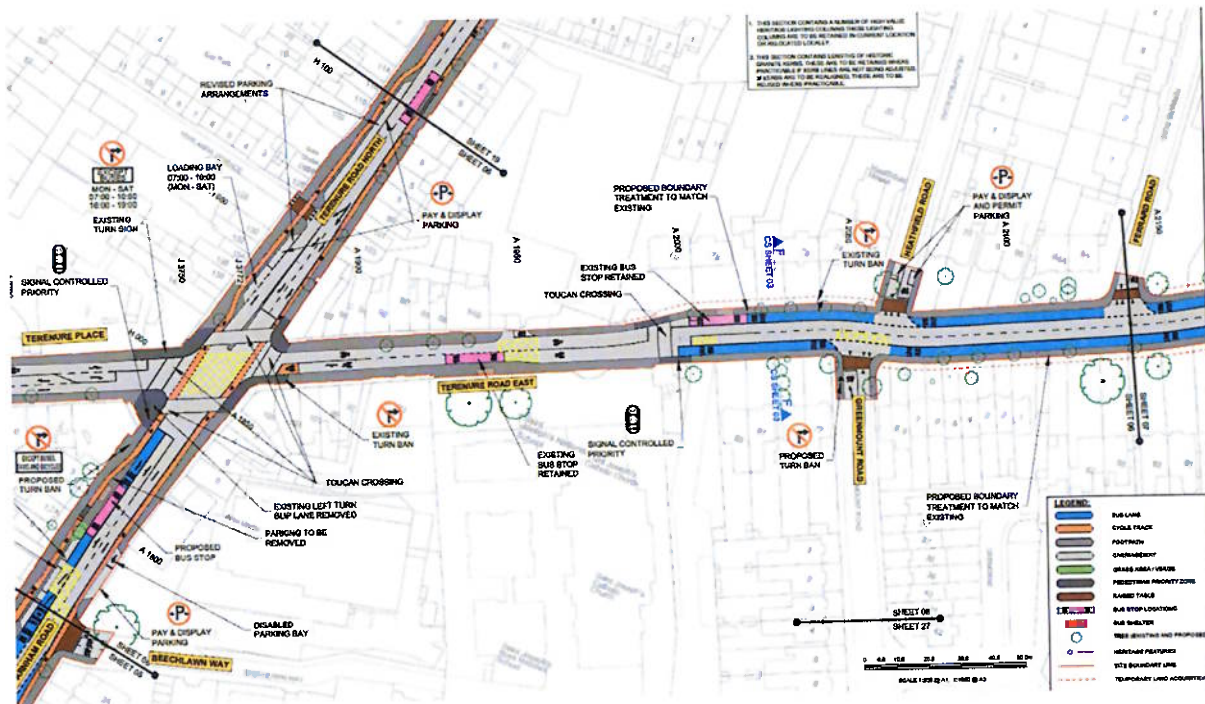
Re: Observations to Templeogue / Rathfarnham To City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to outline my observations and objection to the proposed “Templeogue / Rathfarnham To City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme”.

My observations and objections are as follows:

- The road on which I live, Terenure Road East, will be subject to needless road widening from compulsive purchase orders. Terenure Road East is sandwiched between two fixed bottlenecks, being Terenure and Rathgar villages, and the widening of the road to make way for a bus lane will add no material value given the elimination of the bus lanes in both villages. Many of the house, garden railings, footpaths and trees date back to 1870 and the character of the road and area will be lost by this proposal.



- Planning permission was granted to open an Aldi on Terenure Road East a number of years ago and since then the traffic on Terenure Road East has increased substantially. The reasons for


the increased traffic is two-fold with more people travelling to shop in the store and the time it takes for a break in traffic for cars to cross of the road to turn into the store. These issues seemed obvious at planning stage, yet permission was granted. It seems the "Templeogue / Rathfarnham To City Centre Bus Corridor Scheme" is trying to rectify traffic issues caused by the granting of previous planning permission.

- I personally work in Coolock and it is not practical to take the bus to work as I have varied hours and need to access work 24 hours a day given my role in the company. The proposed limiting of car traffic on Templeogue Road past Fortfield Road Monday through Sunday from 6am through 8pm will add substantial time, distance and therefore road emissions on my journey home each day. I do not understand why the restrictions are for the day and time periods proposed and I request that they are reviewed.
- As a result of limiting traffic on Templeogue Road past Fortfield Road, the proposal forces cars down Fortfield Road and back down Terenure Road West. Terenure Road West is already incredibly congested throughout the day and push more traffic down that road does not seem thought through.
- I understand that the traffic impact studies which were carried out by the NTA were carried out independently for each proposed bus corridor rather than a consolidated assessment of the overall impact on traffic on adjoining roads to the bus corridors. The Fortfield Road / Terenure Road West traffic impact outlined above seems like it will also be impacted by the Kimmage Bus Corridor. I therefore request that a consolidated traffic impact report be requested by An Bord Pleanála before any decision on this matter is given.

While it may not be the core focus of An Bord Pleanála when deciding on this matter, I feel that a view towards the future of transport (autonomous cars, an underground network, etc) should be considered. This proposal by the NTA is incredibly short sighted in my opinion and will look foolish in years to come but the damage to communities and villages will have already been done. Terenure and Rathgar Villages were both struggling before Covid-19 and since then, as people are thinking more local, both villages are thriving. This proposal by the NTA will reduce visitors to both villages which will impact local businesses and set back the communities within the villages.

In conclusion, I strongly request that An Bord Pleanála reject the application for planning permission for the "Templeogue / Rathfarnham To City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme".

Yours Faithfully,



Robin Jones

