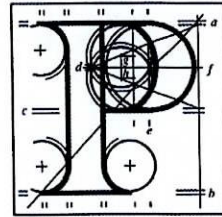


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Rosemary Ryan
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Date: 12 July 2023

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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To whom it may concern:

I have already written to the NTA to object to the proposed Bus Corridor planned to run through the villages of Templeogue, Terenure, Rathgar and Kimmage. No element of this proposed Bus Corridor seems to me to be workable. If it were going to satisfactorily get the commuters who live at the further ends of the 15 and 16 bus routes into the city much more speedily then one would have to reconsider objecting. However, by its own admission, the best that the NTA can hope for is that **EIGHT minutes** might, on a good day, be shaved off that person's morning commute.

The **destruction of mature trees** that would be necessary to construct this bus corridor is not inconsiderable. It would be devastating for villages like Rathgar and Terenure where we have worked tirelessly over the years to nurture attractiveness and **community living** and with considerable success. The **cycle lane** in this village of Terenure has been pivotal in getting the boys in St. Joseph's B.N.S. and their parents to use their bikes to come to school but it would have to be done away with to facilitate the buses coming down from Rathfarnham to turn right at Terenure Cross Roads to the city centre.

A new library for Terenure is at last being designed. Right outside it however, the proposed Bus Corridor would mean the imposition of a Bus Gate 24/7 so that no car traffic would be allowed into the village from Templeogue / the M50 / Terenure College etc. Fortfield Road (residential) would be the last option for teachers and other workers coming in from outside the city to get to Terenure, Rathgar, cross city etc. This would add hugely to their journey time, a massive tail-back on Terenure West which is already bumper-to-bumper every morning and consequently to **higher carbon emissions** - not to mention **stress levels**. Many parents drop their children to Terenure College and / or to St. Joseph's in Terenure and the local creches as they continue on to their jobs in Donnybrook / Ballsbridge/ Stillorgan. I am familiar with many of these parents who are completely at a loss as to how they would manage should this Bus Corridor be allowed.

There are umpteen problems to be addressed should this crazy plan to decimate these villages go ahead. My own personal disappointment is that I would no longer be able to participate in the delivery of **Meals on Wheels to the disabled and elderly people** in the neighbourhood of Ballyroan / Templeogue / Kimmage as I would be blocked mid-morning at every turn hence rendering efficient delivery of hot meals impossible. My co-volunteers would all be bowing out of this most worthy voluntary activity should this awful plan become a reality.

Lastly, we have a satisfactory bus route as things stand. Most people I know from Templeogue, Rathfarnham, Walkinstown and Terenure find the bus service into the city satisfactory. The shortage of bus drivers and mechanics is a big problem however and often means that promised buses do not arrive. I don't know how the NTA proposes to have (some) extra buses on the Bus Corridors given that they are not managing to recruit an adequate number of drivers as it stands. I also believe that they should be concentrating on improving the commute for people who try to use a cross-city bus morning and evening – the 17 / 18 / 75. It would be an excellent service if we could depend on it.

To sum up, the proposed Bus Corridor through this part of the city does not meet with the approval of any one person I know or have met from around here. We are a population of people in despair at how this has been pushed through and so **UNDEMOCRATICALLY**. During Covid many of the meetings were by ZOOM – excluding a large part of our aging population. Objections were dismissed out of hand.

Enclosing the required €50 with my complete objection to the proposed plan to turn our Victorian village(s) into bus corridors.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Ryan

