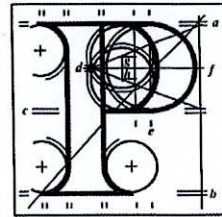


Our Case Number: ABP-316272-23

Planning Authority Reference Number:



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Rosemary Steen
17 Richmond Hill
Rathmines
Dublin 6

Date: 16 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,

Eimear Reilly
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Submission on behalf of Rosemary Steen 17
Richmond Hill Rathmines Dublin 6

Referring to site notice picture attached with
regard to Richmond Hill, Mount Pleasant
Avenue Lower restriction of rights of way

14/8/23

Dear Sir

Objection to Notice of restriction of or Interference with existing public right of way

I wish to make a submission on this matter

I understand observation can be made based on the detail of the attached notice, photo attached in regard to the likely effects on the community on the propose road development if carried out, which I am assuming also includes the provision of a right turn for all traffic down Richmond Hill from Rathmines Road as well as the closing of the road to all traffic to Mount pleasant lower as well as the implications for planning and sustainable development and the likely significant effects of same.

I have paid 50 euros online to cover the cost of this submission.

I am writing to you to lodge an objection to this development on our road under the three headings listed in the notice based on the 4 areas outlined below.

I have lived on Richmond Hill in Rathmines since 2000.

I greatly fear what is planned in regard to the implications for management of the proposed bus gate as it will turn our road from a side road into a main route for traffic seeking to exit from Rathmines road. While wishing to support the objectives of Bus Connects this proposal relating to the introduction of a right turn from Rathmines road lower and necessary road closures is putting our community at unnecessary risk. It is my view that all traffic bar buses should have to turn right at the junction of the Swan centre with Rathmines road lower and no traffic should progress past this junction. All car and truck traffic would be diverted in line with the plans through Ranelagh. Bringing that turning point further down Rathmines will create significant issues.

A. Road Safety Concerns

Bus Connects proposal to permit access to all trucks, lorries and cars to our road will have a hugely negative impact from a road safety point of view. There are many children using our road throughout the day from St Mary's school and the local Ranelagh Multi denominational school. There is likely to be a significant increase in noise and traffic

volumes 24/7 and this will have a deeply negative impact on our road. I am concerned for our safety crossing the street. At the moment entering and leaving our house is very challenging and I have consistently asked local representatives for support in regard to traffic management tools on our road such as traffic lights at either end to slow and help manage traffic.

B. Air Quality Concerns

Our road already has extremely high levels of airborne pollution. This is likely to be increased significantly based on what is proposed with higher traffic volumes and will increase the risk of respiratory diseases including asthma based on the relevant WHO guidelines.

C. Noise pollution

The road will carry traffic in both directions in far greater volumes than currently at peak times resulting in significant increases in Noise pollution

D. Tailbacks

Richmond Hill is likely to become a traffic overflow tailback as traffic tries to reach the Ranelagh route to town. I do not understand why it is desirable to divert traffic down Richmond Hill and back up Mount Pleasant avenue rather than simply turning right all traffic earlier at the junction of the Swan Centre and Rathmines Road.

Significant effects

For us it will mean that we must be able to turn right up mount pleasant avenue if mount pleasant lower is blocked off to reach Ranelagh by car, without this we have no way of reaching Ranelagh. Bicycles and motorbikes should be able to turn left down towards the canal through the bollards. The residents of Richmond Hill did attend and engage with Bus Connects and I appreciated that opportunity. The residents who met from our road as a group with their team were unanimous in agreement that a right turn should be allowed up mount pleasant avenue, and a traffic light filter should at least be provided to allow us take this right turn to access Ranelagh. I was very disappointed with the overall design which emerged but recognised they tried to at least preserve access for us to be able to drive back out via Mount Pleasant Avenue Upper as part of meeting our concerns with regard to us being able to drive out the other end of the road and turn right. It is critical that this is allowed as without this option it will leave us in an impossible position with no left or right turn possible at the end of Richmond Hill. . If that happens we will end up in a very difficult position with dramatically increased traffic volumes, little road access and a very significant increase in noise levels.

I was disappointed that no flexibility with regard to allowing local residents access to moveable bollards or the provision of keys to the bollards to be made available for use in emergencies on our road. This would be against current best practise internationally.

I would like some additional provision on our road with regard to signage on the speed limits and higher speed bumps if the proposal goes ahead. I also think large trucks should be banned from using the road.

If the new scheme is implemented its critical cameras are in place to monitor the impact on the road and ensure changes can be made if required.

I would be most grateful if you could consider the issues I am raising in your decision.

Kind regards

Rosemary Steen

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TEMPLEOGUE / RATHFARNHAM TO CITY CENTRE CORE BUS CORRIDOR SCHEME COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2023

NOTICE OF RESTRICTION OF OR INTERFERENCE WITH EXISTING PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY

SITE NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NATIONAL TRANSPORT AUTHORITY HAS MADE TEMPLEOGUE / RATHFARNHAM TO CITY CENTRE CORE BUS CORRIDOR SCHEME COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2023 WHICH HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO AN AIBORD PLEANALA FOR CONFIRMATION

IF CONFIRMED, THIS ORDER WILL AUTHORISE THE NATIONAL TRANSPORT AUTHORITY TO RESTRICT OR OTHERWISE INTERFERE WITH THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AS DESCRIBED IN PART III SECTION B OF THE SCHEDULE (EXTRACT BELOW)

Reference to the deposited map at the nominated office locations at NTA website	Description of public rights of way to be restricted or otherwise interfered with
IX.	All rights of vehicular traffic (except pedal cycles and other bicycles) over that section of the public right of way on Mountpleasant Avenue Lower at the junction with Richmond Hill in the County of Dublin and between the lines BC1 and BC2, shown coloured green on the deposit map reference 0112-EM-0010.

An extension of time for inspection and for the making of submissions/observations is being provided so as to ensure full and effective public participation as it has come to the National Transport Authority's attention that the date for the end of the inspection period and the date by which objections were said to be required to be made in writing to An Bord Pleanála in relation to the associated Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme Compulsory Purchase Order 2023 were incorrect as the non-statutory Site Notices which had been issued at certain locations along the Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme. These non-statutory notices also referred to the incorrect date for the making of submissions/observations on the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and the latter Impact Statements. This discrepancy has now been notified and all site notices have been replaced to reflect the extension of the submission period beyond the 29th June 2023 to 15th August 2023.

A copy of the Order and of the maps referred to in it are also available on the National Transport Authority website for the Templeogue / Rathfarnham to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme at www.templeogue/rathfarnhamtothecitycentrescheme.ie

Any objection to the order should be made in writing to An Bord Pleanála (Strategic Infrastructure Division), 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V9W2, so as to reach the said Board by 5.30pm on this extended date of the 15th day of August 2023.

Additional information in relation to the Traffic/Signage Submissions to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme (NS) are also available at the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) and the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and for inspection and downloading on the above mentioned website. Information on how the public may be made in writing to An Bord Pleanála in relation to the above mentioned scheme, including the proposed road development, if carried out, (i) the implications of the proposed road development on the proposed road development, and (ii) the likely significant effects of the proposed road development on the proposed road development, and (iii) the likely significant effects of the proposed road development on the proposed road development, may be accompanied by a fee of €100 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board not later than 5.30 p.m. on the extended date of 15th August 2023.

Such submissions/observations must also include the following information:

- The name of the person making the submission or observation, the name of the person acting on his or her behalf, if any, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent.
- The subject matter of the submission or observation, and
- The reasons, considerations, and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, apply).

Submissions/observations can also be made on the An Bord Pleanála website at the following address: <https://www.abpla.ie/submit/submit.asp>. Any queries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development Section of An Bord Pleanála (Tel: 01-8083103).

A person may question the validity of any decision by the Board on a proposed road development by way of an application for judicial review under the Rules of the Superior Courts (as in particular Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts contained in S.I. No. 11 of 1986 as amended) and in accordance with sections 50, 50A and 50B of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Practical information on the review mechanism can also be accessed under the heading "Legal Notices - Judicial Review Notices" on An Bord Pleanála website www.abpla.ie. This information is also available on the e-Planning Information Service website www.eplanninginformation.ie.

Signed: *A. O'Connell* Date of revision of site notice: 08/06/2023
Aidan O'Connell
Head of Strategic Dublin Infrastructure,
National Transport Authority