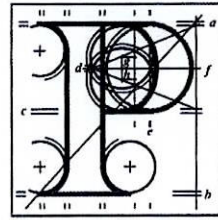


Our Case Number: ABP-316272-23



An
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Pleanála

Seán Crowe TD
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Dublin 24

Date: 26 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 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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18th July 2023

Re. Templeogue/Rathfarnham Bus Corridor

AN BORD PLEANÁLA	
NO:	065180-23
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A chara,

I am submitting an observation concerning a section of the Templeogue/Rathfarnham Bus Corridor at the boundary wall with Rathfarnham Castle. A large number of local residents have also been in contact with me on concerning this issue.

Section 5.5.4.1.2 Rathfarnham Castle Boundary Wall & Woodlands of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report states that the existing boundary wall at Rathfarnham Castle over a length of approximately 380m will be demolished. It is then proposed to construct a new boundary wall over the same length along the Proposed Scheme boundary line. (see below). The new boundary wall will be circa 2.5m to 2.8m high with round capping rough cast render. It is also stated that a number of trees directly impacted by the building works will be removed.



The existing wall (above) and the proposed wall (below)

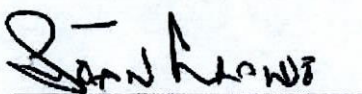
It is my opinion that the proposed demolition of 380m of wall and its replacement, while also removing mature trees, is unnecessary along this length of the proposed Templeogue/Rathfarnham Bus Corridor for the following reasons:

- The proposed building works in replacing an existing stone wall with a rendered wall contributes little, if anything, to the new bus corridor.
- Replacing the existing stone wall with a roughcast rendered wall is inappropriate, particularly when sections of the stone wall will remain in place further along the roadway.
- The temporary acquisition of the lands, the removal of the existing stone wall and in particular the removal of mature trees is unnecessary and will have a detrimental effect on the existing woodland area.
- The proposal will have a very substantial and disproportionate impact on wildlife and biodiversity in the park overall. There will be a detrimental impact on wild animals and, most importantly, the numerous protected species including ash mining bees, frogs and many species of birds in the area. The area is also a roosting area for bats.
- The temporary fencing / hoarding to be established along the existing roadside kerb line as well as approximately 3m behind the new boundary line will in itself have a negative impact on those living locally, with the closure of the footpath - while at the same time severely disrupting local wildlife.
- I also have grave concerns concerning the structure of the underground historic passageway that connects Rathfarnham Castle to an old orchard immediately north of the Rathfarnham Road / Butterfield Avenue junction. While I appreciate that protective works are proposed, the carrying out of construction works in the vicinity of the passageway is very concerning.

On the basis of the above I am asking the National Traffic Authority to review this section of the Templeogue/Rathfarnham Bus Corridor. I am asking that the demolition works proposed are omitted from the project's final specification and that the existing walls remain in place. Such revisions to the project will ensure mature trees remain in place and that existing wildlife, including protected species, will remain undisturbed.

I enclose the prescribed fee of €50 and should you have any queries concerning this submission please do not hesitate to contact me.

Is mise le meas,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Seán Crowe', written over a horizontal line.

Seán Crowe
Sinn Féin TD for Dublin South West