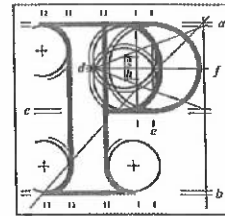


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**An  
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**Date:** 16 August 2023

**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](mailto: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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LETTERBOX

14 August 2023

**Re: Bus Connects Bus Corridor - Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre  
Strategic Infrastructure Development Application Number 316272**

Dear Sirs

I wish to register my serious concerns in relation to the proposed bus corridor planned for Terenure, Rathgar, Rathmines and surrounding areas and the hugely adverse, unacceptable impact which this development would have on local residents, our community and our heritage if allowed to proceed.

The residents of Terenure have always facilitated very significant volumes of public transport on our roads and through our villages – however, the proposal to turn Terenure/Rathgar into bus "superhighway" is absolutely unacceptable and causing the residents very significant concerns, distress and anxiety. Residents will become prisoners in our own homes to facilitate this bus "superhighway" which is completely unnecessary.

First and foremost, the proposal for this bus corridor is based on plans that are clearly out of date – the seismic impact of Covid on commuter patterns has not been factored into this plan. Independent, up-to-date data should be provided in terms of commuter numbers.

The fundamental shift in commuter patterns triggered by Covid / working from home is clear for all to see. It is highly unusual to see traffic congestion – other than congestion which has been caused in Terenure and Rathgar villages due to changes in the traffic light sequencing which was implemented during Covid – if the traffic lights were put back to their original sequencing patterns, this would address the issue.

It beggars' belief that a proposal with such serious potential ramifications for residents would be allowed to proceed based on out-of-date information and data – this is negligent.

I am absolutely in favour of "greener" transport solutions – this proposal is not it. Taxpayers' money should not be wasted on this nonsense – the residents of Dublin deserve a proper solution in the form of an underground transport system.

The proposal to turn Terenure / Rathgar / Rathmines into a one-way in-bound traffic system is completely bananas. Our local villages and businesses will be decimated by this, and the bus "superhighway" created as a result of this proposal - we will lose our communities. This is an unacceptable price to pay for a proposal that will only reduce bus journeys over the course of the route by a maximum of 3 minutes – this is an affront to all residents impacted by this proposal. This

reduction in journey times will in part be delivered by a reduction in the number of bus stops – how is this an improvement in transport?

The creation of the various one-way systems proposed will increase journey lengths substantially for local residents, creating traffic "rat runs" on residential side roads that are not built to cater for such traffic and creating additional pollution for all. The "mastermind" behind this proposal clearly has not considered the impact of the re-routing of traffic – this will undoubtedly cause congestion the like of which has never been seen in the area before.

How are residents expected to get back to our homes?

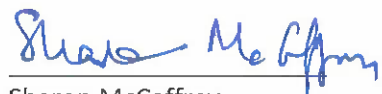
The proposals for road widening associated with this project on Terenure Road which will lead to the culling of mature trees will also impact our community – the loss of mature trees and the associated adverse environmental impact – all to facilitate an unnecessary bus "superhighway". Surely, we all know better than this!

This proposal will lead to the destruction of our villages, our communities and our quality of life.

This plan is not fit for purpose and needs to be re-considered in its totality.

**I would ask that you hold oral hearings to allow for the concerns and voices of residents to be heard on this hugely significant issue.**

Yours sincerely

  
Sharon McCaffrey