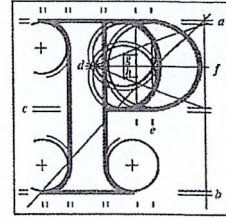


Our Case Number: ABP-316272-23

Planning Authority Reference Number:



An
Bord
Pleanála

St. Judes GAA Club
c/o Michael Danaher
Wellington Lane
Templeogue
Dublin 6W

Date: 22 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,

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15th August 2023

Ref 316272 - Bus Connect Templeogue / Rathfarnham Corridor

Dear Sir / Madam,

St. Judes GAA club serves the local community with a membership of almost three thousand people. As a voluntary organisation we support our membership who participate in many sporting and social activities throughout each calendar year.

The Bus Connect proposals do have several positive objectives from environmental perspectives to improved road safety initiatives for cyclists and pedestrians.

However, there are some significant anomalies with current proposal along this Corridor:

- The Rathfarnham/Templeogue submission to An Bord Pleanála finishes at the bottom of South Great Georges Street. The Swords submission finishes in Parnell Square. But **how do buses connect between these two locations**, without causing additional disruption?
- We feel that the impact at the Spawell Roundabout because of the required diversions will be very damaging to Wellington Lane, and that **this is going to adversely affect our membership and visiting participants** to our club. Currently, of the 25,000 vehicles approaching the Spawell Roundabout 7,000 Vehicles turn off the N81 into Wellington Lane, and this is now going to increase further, because of the additional obstacles that will be faced by motorists.
- **The applicant has failed to properly examine the leading alternative proposal, i.e., the continuation of MetroLink from St Stephens Green to Southwest Dublin.** This would fundamentally alter the functionality and routing of buses throughout Southwest Dublin. It would also inform decisions now about "Do we really need to spend enormous sums of money on extravagant construction and land-take for an ineffective outcome, knowing that metro will enable capacity and speed issues to be resolved?" No account was taken of the possible opportunities for people living outside southwest Dublin to avail of Park and Ride at two hypothetical metro stations at Spawell and Dodder Valley Park. For in-bound motorists on the N81, they would face a choice: continue driving into the city (40 minutes) or park at Spawell and take the metro (15 minutes). Similarly, for many motorists cruising around the M50, using the Park and Ride at Spawell would be very attractive.
- **The inability of the proposal to supply the forecasted demand for public transport in Southwest Dublin.** This proposal will have insufficient capacity on our corridor to cater for future demands. The Bus Connect submission to An Bord Pleanála running to over 5,000 pages, appears to lack appropriate information regarding how many buses are being proposed on the various Bus Connects corridors. It is vital that the applicant provides information on: The routes that all buses will take through the city centre; The volume of

buses that will be involved; The measures that will be required to achieve the required throughput of buses; The implications of these measures.

- **Many people will be inhibited from moving about with this bus connects scheme.**
There will be many restrictions and more congestion, and we observe that this will increase journey times and distances. This will prove extremely challenging for a subset of the population who may be unable to take public buses and who rely on private transportation to move around today.

In 2021, a Transport Study by the then **Dublin Transportation Office** called 'A Platform for Change' was published - "In summary, the analysis of the Comprehensive Bus scenario established that buses alone could not address the problem because, in many of the main transportation corridors, the bus mode cannot provide the necessary capacity - to cope with the forecasted demand."

However, in 2023 the **NTA** said: - "The Proposed Scheme will support integrated sustainable transport use through infrastructure improvements for active travel (both walking and cycling), and the provision of enhanced bus priority measures for existing (both) public and private) and all future services who will use the corridor."

Our suggested way forward is for the NTA to immediately initiate a more diligent and transparent study which explores the continuation of MetroLink from St Stephens Green to Southwest Dublin. This would help to resolve the longer-term 'public transport' capacity issues and ultimately reduce the negative impacts that we foresee for our GAA Club and the wider local communities.

Go Raibh Maith Agaibh

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Honorable Secretary

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