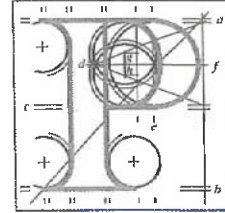


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Dublin 6
D06 P4V2

Date: 26 June 2023

Re: Bus Connects Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme
Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre

Dear Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submissions in relation to the above-mentioned proposed road development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

It is noted that you made two identical but separate submissions via the Board's online portal. Please be advised that you are only required to pay the €50 fee for one submission. As you paid for both submissions, please be advised that a refund of €50 will issue to the card used to take the payments.


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.

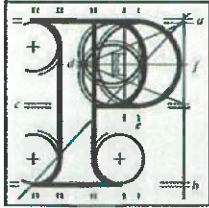
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Yours faithfully,


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If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

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3. During the process to decide the application, we will post information and items to you or to your agent. For this **current application**, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only)

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4. Please provide details about the **current application** you wish to make an observation.

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Bus Connects Templeogue City Centre

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Impact of Rathgar Road becoming a one way

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(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

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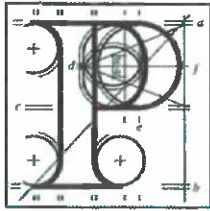
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