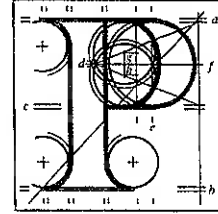


Our Case Number: ABP-316272-23



**An
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Una Lyons
65 Highfield Road
Rathgar
Dublin 6

Date: 10 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.

Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

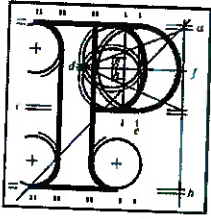
Yours faithfully,

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Observation on a Planning Appeal: Form.

Your details

1. Observer's details (person making the observation)

If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.

If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

Your full details:

(a) Name

Click or tap here to enter text.

Joe Lyons, Una Lyons, Lorraine Lyons

(b) Address

65 Highfield Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6

Agent's details

2. Agent's details

If you are an agent and are acting for someone else **on this observation**, please **also** write your details below.

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

(a) Agent's name

Click or tap here to enter text.

(b) Agent's address

Click or tap here to enter text.

Postal address for letters

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

You (the observer) at the address in Part 1

The agent at the address in Part 2

Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the appeal you wish to make an observation on. If you want, you can include a copy of the planning authority's decision as the observation details.

(a) Planning authority

(for example: Ballytown City Council)

Dublin City Council

(b) An Bord Pleanála appeal case number (if available)

(for example: ABP-300000-19)

Bus Connects – Templeogue to City Centre

(c) Planning authority register reference number

(for example: 18/0123)

Click or tap here to enter text.

(d) Location of proposed development

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

Bus Connects – Templeogue to City Centre

Observation details

5. Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below or you can attach them separately.

I would like to make the following observations regarding the Bus Connects

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Templeogue to City Centre route –

1. Highfield Road has the finest example of an Edwardian Terrace in Dublin. It is located on a narrow Edwardian road which is undesigned, unsuitable and unsafe for the Bus Connects proposal unlike other routes and wider thoroughfares like Rathgar Road. It would be nothing short of reckless to allow the proposed development to proceed as is, and would serve to display a total lack of understanding or appreciation for the capacity of Highfield Road.
2. In the Bus Connects proposal two new bus routes are to be routed onto Highfield Road, Rathgar which means that ALL vehicular traffic and buses and cycles are to use the SAME 1 lane BOTH inbound and outbound. Highfield Road is already a busy access route and the addition of buses to this route will only add to the traffic volumes and will incur delays both entering and leaving Highfield Road.
3. Despite requests from local residents cycle lanes have not been allowed on Highfield Road as the road is not wide enough. Numerous cyclists already use Highfield Road on a daily basis and importantly, to access NINE local Schools (The High School Rathgar: Gonzaga College; Alexandra College; Stratford College, Rathgar and various primary schools including Kildare Place Primary School; Scoil Bhride; Lis Na Nog; Zion Parish Primary School and

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Rathgar National School) and will be in the same lane as both buses and cars! This is completely unsafe – for all road users. Rathgar Road will have designated inbound and outbound cycle routes and the THREE specific schools that will be accessed via this route are St Louis High School, St Louis Primary School and St Marys College.

4. Highfield Road is HALF the width and HALF the length of Rathgar Road and the pavements on Rathgar Road are 60% wider than ALL of the pavements on Highfield Road.
5. Rathgar Road is designated to have 3 lanes inbound only (cycles, buses and cars) and 2 lanes outbound only (cycles and buses) and this will mean that the majority of outbound traffic wishing to access Rathgar village/Terenure will now be routed up ONE lane on Highfield Road.
6. The removal of the ban on no right hand turn from the Upper Rathmines Road to Highfield Road will significantly increase the volume of outbound traffic onto the outbound lane on Highfield Road and the removal of the ban on no right hand turn from Highfield Road onto Rathgar Road will cause additional delays at this junction and create traffic backlogs.
7. ChristChurch Rathgar operates a Meals On Wheels service for the community. There will be delays accessing the main Church car park in order to collect the food items and delays on delivering the hot

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food as all vehicular traffic will be routed inbound on Rathgar Road whereas the majority of recipients are located in the opposite direction.

Supporting materials

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct **fee** is included with your observation. You can find out the correct fee to include in our [Fees and Charges Guide](#) on our website.

This document has been awarded a Plain English mark by NALA.

Last updated: April 2019.

