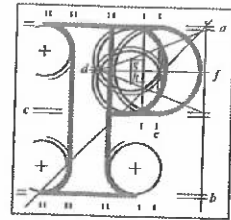


Our Case Number: ABP-316272-23

Planning Authority Reference Number:



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Eimear O'Broin
27 Fortfield Drive
Terenure
Dublin 6W
D6WFH59

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

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

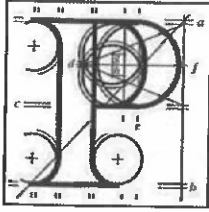
Yours faithfully,

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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

Eimear O Broin

(b) Address

27 Fortfield Drive
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Dublin 6W

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

Not applicable

(b) Agent's address

Not Applicable

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)

National Transport Authority

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

(for example: ABP-300000-19)

HA29N.316272

(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)

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.

Bord Pleanála Case Reference: HA29N.316272

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Having read the Bus Connects Core Bus Corridor for emerging preferred route for Tallaght>Terenure, published by the National Transport Authority, I wish to make the following observations and would welcome answers to specific questions below. Please note I am in favour of increased, effective public transport and any improvements to the environment.

1. What metrics will be used to determine the success of this project?
The document is very light on specific details as to what can be achieved. In particular, page 6 refers to journey time savings which states 'the core bus corridor project will deliver journey time savings of up to 40-50% on each corridor'. Although in itself a vague generalisation, I assume this is from terminus to terminus. What savings can a resident of Templeogue expect to make? What exact savings are expected from Templeogue to Terenure after all the proposed changes are made?
2. What incentives will be put in place to increase bus usage? The information to-date suggests that there will be no additional buses on the routes – is this the case? There are many schools in the area and a high percentage of parents drop their children to school. What measures will be put in place to encourage children to bus to school instead, taking safety on buses into account?
3. The junction at Fortfield Road and Templeogue Road is already seriously congested every school morning with parents dropping children to Terenure College, Our Lady's School and the two St Pius primary schools. What measures will be put in place to ameliorate what will become an even busier junction? With no left turn from Fortfield Road to Templeogue Road and the additional changes to the junction, it is likely that there will be an increase in cars doing u-turns at either Hyde Park or Fortfield Drive.
4. What, if any discussions have been held with the schools and School Traffic Wardens in the area? Have parents in the schools been engaged with to assess their feedback on the proposed changes? The community represents more than simply the residents of the area.

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.

5. There is a view locally that residents travelling into Dublin City Centre will be obliged to disembark from one bus and embark on another at Terenure to complete the journey. Can you confirm if this will be the case?
6. What is the advantage of removing the 1159 bus stop at Terenure College going into the city? With the expected reduction in traffic due to access only for cars, there should be no delays along this stretch of the route. Its removal is likely to cause increased footfall through an already busy junction from the students of both Terenure College and Our Lady's School who will have to make their way to the stop 1158. The footpath on that side of the road is narrow and not suitable for passing pedestrians, especially for buggies, wheelchairs, rollators etc. Will there be a new pedestrian crossing on Fortfield Road to accommodate this foot traffic?
7. There are a lot of elderly people living in this area, many of whom use services and shops in Terenure. The removal of the bus stop 1159 outside Terenure College will be seen as a disadvantage to this group. What, if any, analysis has been carried out on the needs of the elderly, disabled and parents of young children in this plan?
8. There is a current planning application for a large buy-to-rent apartment complex on the grounds of Terenure College. What plans are in place to deal with this significant footfall in the area?

Yours sincerely,
Eimear o Broin

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.

