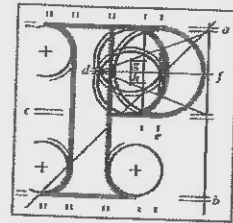


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An
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Judith Lunny
17 Fairfield Park
Rathgar
Dublin 6
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Date: 06 July 2023

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,

Eimear Reilly
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June 12th, 2023

17 Fairfield Park,
Rathgar,
Dublin DO6 F8C2

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to object in the most strenuous manner against your plans for traffic diversions/Bus Connects in Rathgar, Dublin 6.

This is an old, one of the oldest, Dublin suburbs. With tree-lined streets and handsome old houses, it already suffers from over-development and growing traffic issues, mostly manifesting at "rush hour" times, morning and evening. The rest of the day is relatively quiet.

It is also a community. I maintain that your traffic plans will not only destroy the visual beauty of our streets, but will seriously undermine our health and well-being with the destruction of old trees and front gardens along Terenure Road East. Trees (as you know) absorb carbon dioxide and make our air cleaner. They must be preserved at all costs.

Your proposed traffic flow changes, especially to Highfield Road, will destroy one of our loveliest streets, and turn it into a one-way traffic jam. Running buses along it will be a danger to pedestrians. Restricting the traffic flow to Rathgar Road will like-wise deprive motorists of choice in returning from the city centre, and push traffic to the small side-roads and create dangerous "rat runs".

I envisage Rathgar Road and Highfield Road turning into two unmoving traffic jams. The same pinch points along the route to Terenure and Rathmines will impede the flow of traffic.

As I gather this plan will only give commuters an additional 7 minutes grace, I fail to discern any point in these proposals. I am a consistent bus-traveller and I believe we have a very good bus schedule in and out of town. It runs consistently well and on time.

Rathgar is a community: not a bus corridor. Your proposed changes will only destroy what is good about this area. Local shops/businesses oppose your proposed changes as they will lose their loading-and parking bays.

Yours sincerely,

Judith Lunny

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