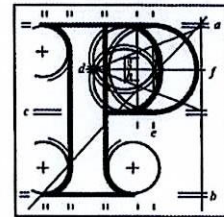


Our Case Number: ABP-316272-23

Planning Authority Reference Number:



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Mona Stafford
221 Templeogue Road
Dublin 6W

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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BUS CONNECTS SUBMISSION TO AN BORD PLEANALA IN RESPECT OF THE TEMPLEOGUE/RATHFARNHAM TO CITY CENTRE CORE BUS CORRIDOR

BORD PLEANÁLA CASE REFERENCE: HA29N.316272

SUBMISSION FROM: MRS MONA STAFFORD, 221 TEMPLEOGUE ROAD, DUBLIN 6W

The proposed plans for this bus corridor locate a bus stop outside of my home on Templeogue Road. This is my submission in respect of this bus stop: *"The plan proposed to move the current bus stops to the top of the road outside 217 will be a disaster, causing major traffic jams, road rage, accidents or worse. It is too near Fortfield junction, it will create a blind spot and to overtake a bus to turn to Fortfield Road would not be safe. The road at that spot either now or under Bus Connects completely lacks infrastructure to locate a bus stop at that point.*

I have a particular difficulty with a bus stop located so close to my home. I am a legally disabled driver and require an adapted car. I hold a Primary Medical Certificate. I cannot take a bus as I am unable to stand for any length of time even with the aid of a stick aid, my car is my only means of transport.

The moving of the bus stop outside our Lady's School should not take place. This was done a few years ago and then moved again to its present location – the reason for the previous move to its current location was that it caused major problems including traffic jams, accidents and road rage incidents.

I did apply for a yellow box or clearway sign outside my house to enable my access and exit from my home, but because there is a bus lane on the road, it was refused, however, South Dublin County Council confirmed that should the circumstances change reapply as I am a legal disabled driver.

I propose no bus stop at all in stretch of road from 211 to Templeville lights leaving bus stop between Templeogue Village to bus stop outside Terenure College."

I note the observations made by Senator Mary Seery Kearney in her submission in relation to the same bus stop as follows: The bus stop on Templeogue Road at Bushy Park and Terenure College is being consolidated with the bus stop currently opposite Springfield Road – reducing two bus stops into one. There are a number of issues with this change that really illustrate how completely improbable the plan is when compared to the on the ground lived experience. The issues are as follows:

- The area of the road it is being moved to outside number 217 is on a part of the road prone to flooding and where the footpath is very narrow. They need to address the flooding issue when making this change, if the change is needed at all.
- The inbound bus stop is being relocated to a location close to the traffic lights at the junction of Templeogue Road and Fortfield Road, there are three problems with this:
 - There is an estate of houses and apartments on the grounds of Bushy Park House as well as Our Lady's School. There is a filter light turning right for inbound traffic into the estate and turning of the school drop off. Cars will be unable to pass any buses out at that bus stop because they will be impeded by cars turning right into that estate.

- The volume of traffic turning left at those lights will be much higher due to the Templeogue Road/Terenure Place bus gate and the extra traffic volumes now will be impeded by a bus or buses stopped at the bus stop.
- This will seriously impede the residents from those houses between the bus stop and the traffic lights from accessing and exiting their homes as it is more likely that buses will be stopped at the bus stop or the lights.

The original location meant that buses did not impede the flow of traffic as the road is wide enough to safely pass out. This is a ludicrous suggested change and bears no sense in the lived reality of using that road either currently or in future proposals. It is yet another an example of the local knowledge that is required to ensure that the changes being proposed are correct and warranted. Local residents have made their own individual submissions and they are proposing that the bus stop at Terenure College is retained and either retain the existing bus stop at its current location or question whether there is a need at all to have a bus stop along that section of road at all.