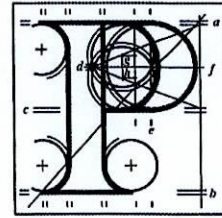


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**An
Bord
Pleanála**

St. Louis High School
c/o Cliona McDonough
Charleville Road
Rathmines
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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ST. LOUIS HIGH SCHOOL



June 20th 2023

To whom it may concern,

The school community of St Louis High School, Rathmines is very concerned about the planned **The Templeogue / Rathfarnham to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme (the Proposed Scheme)**.

In St Louis High School, the restructuring of access routes around Rathmines will have a profound impact on local institutions, including our own. We, as a school community, have a strong link with the Parish Church in Rathmines. In terms of Rathmines, the impact of this proposal may be dramatic especially for those who live and work here. The Church of Mary Immaculate Refuge of Sinners Rathmines has been serving the local community for 200 years. The proposal of a 'Bus Gate' at St. Mary's School on Rathmines Road Lower would mean no through inbound or outbound traffic except for bus, bicycles, and taxis. This would directly impact on all parishioners and friends who attend Church in Rathmines. We as a school community use the Church, and this would have an impact on our ability to access the Church.

On a very practical level it would mean that no cars could access the Church and obviously celebrations would be directly impacted in a negative way. For us as a school community, when involved in liturgical celebrations, we need to bring items down to the Church from the school—keyboards, music stands, music, instruments etc and this will not be possible with the main entrance of the Church being no longer accessible due to the introduction of this Bus Gate.

The Parish Priest is of the firm belief that this could lead to an impoverishment of the services provided as well as the Church becoming redundant over time.

The nature of the proposed restructuring of routes will also have a profound impact on workers accessing Rathmines who travel by car from the north of the city. We have many employees who travel daily and given the lack of direct travel infrastructure to Rathmines, need to travel by car. Having no access to Rathmines will have a very negative impact on these people. We ask that these plans are reviewed, and an alternative plan put in place to better support residents and workers in the Rathmines area.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Cliona McDonough

Principal

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