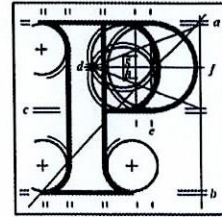


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**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

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**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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To whom it may concern

I am writing to log my objection to the application the NTA has submitted to develop a BusConnects corridor from Templeogue and Rathfarnham to the City Centre. Rathgar is a vibrant and very family friendly village which I feel will be decimated by the proposed changes. I believe that an unintended outcome of the plan would be to push families into having to live further out from the city, thus increasing individual travel by private or public transport. If families cannot reasonably access their houses or local business with road closures then it is inevitable that businesses will close and the village will go into a spiral of serious decline. Obviously Dublin City has to work towards improved public transport and cycle lanes and it is a balancing act. However, it is well recognised that any living city needs families and local businesses living near the centre - to reduce antisocial behaviour after business hours and at weekends. Is the city centre to become a ghost town at weekends apart from socialising and tourists? If centre based residential areas are bypassed they cannot remain viable and people must move further out to satellite towns and increase travel further into the city to access work etc.

The corridor will allow a new right turn onto Highfield Road from Upper Rathmines for outbound traffic. Rathgar road will be closed to outbound traffic and the new route along Highfield appears to be the preferred route to access Rathgar village and beyond from the Rathmines direction. Highfield Road is not a wide road and it is my belief that this significant increase in traffic and large vehicles (like delivery trucks and buses) will make cycling too dangerous. We have three children who currently cycle to and from schools in Ranelagh. They need to travel East from Fairfield Park along Highfield Road and down Palmerston Road to safely access their schools. They must also access this route for various sports training in Dartry Park and at Alexandra and Gonzaga college astro pitches (Where their GAA training occurs for Ranelagh Gaels as the club doesn't have it's own grounds). I will have to drive them most places for safety reasons, even at Secondary level where I would expect them to travel independently.

I wish to log my objections and concerns as outlined above.

Yours  
Tara Delaney