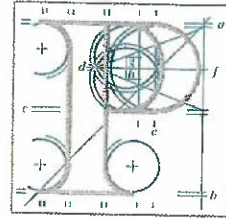


Our Case Number: ABP-316272-23



An  
Bord  
Pleanála

Mark Fitzgerald  
149 Rathfarnham Road  
Rathfarnham  
Dublin 14  
D14 PX38

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,

Eimear Beilly  
Executive Officer  
Direct Line: 01-8737184

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To:

An Bord Pleanála (Strategic Infrastructure Division)  
64 Marlborough Street,  
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Dear Sir/Madame,

I am writing to file a rejection against the proposed planning permission being granted for the Rathfarnham Road section of the TEMPLEOGUE/RATHFARNHAM TO CITY CENTRE Government project known as Bus Connects. As a resident of the area directly affected by this project, I am concerned about the negative impact it will have on my property and the safety of my family.

An aspect of the project proposes to bring buses closer to my house by compulsorily 'purchasing' a section of my front garden to replace it with a bus lane, which will, amongst other things, lead to increased levels noise and air pollution. Furthermore, it will also result in a significant devaluation of my property, as potential buyers may be deterred by the constant noise and traffic congestion.

**Moreover, I am *extremely* concerned about the potential risk of loss of life associated with this project. The increased traffic and congestion caused by the project will inevitably result in more accidents and possibly fatalities. As a resident, I am deeply worried about the safety of my family and the community. This was very recently illustrated in a much-publicised incident when a Dublin Bus mounted the footpath and drove at speed past a number of our properties. But for the grace of God, a catastrophic accident was avoided.**

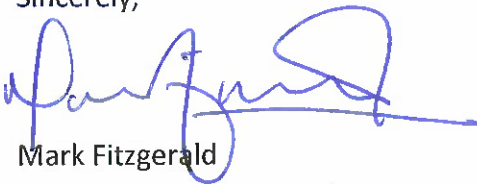
It is worth noting that this project was initiated pre-Covid when traffic was far worse than it is now. With the advent of hybrid working, there is no longer a justifiable business case for it

to proceed. The decrease in traffic during the pandemic has shown that there are other, more effective ways to manage traffic in the city, such as encouraging remote working and reducing the number of cars on the road.

Therefore, I strongly urge you to consider your decision to grant planning permission for this section of the Bus Connects project. There are many negative consequences associated with this project, and it is not in the best interest of the community. I hope that you will take my concerns seriously and take appropriate action to address them.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Mark Fitzgerald