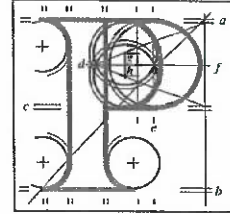


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An
Bord
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Michael McAuley
143 Rathfarnham Road
Rathfarnham
Dublin 14
D14 YC56

Date: 26 July 2023

Re: Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme Compulsory Purchase Order
2023
Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre, Co. Dublin

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your letter of objection in relation to the above mentioned compulsory purchase order.

In respect of same, please note that in circumstances where:

- (i) no objections are received by the Board within the period provided for making objections, or
- (ii) all objections made are subsequently withdrawn, or
- (iii) all objections made relate exclusively to matters which can be dealt with by a property arbitrator the Board will inform the local authority as appropriate and, in such circumstances, the local authority can itself confirm the order with or without modification or refuse to confirm the order in accordance with the provisions of section 216 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

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 on this matter in due course.

If you have any queries in the meantime 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,

Niamh Thornton
Executive Officer
Direct Line: 01-8737247

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An Bord Pleanála (Strategic Infrastructure Division)
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1
D01 V902

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.

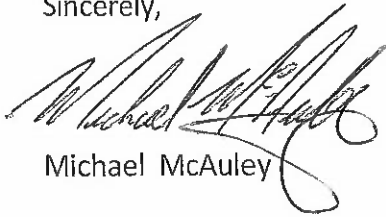
It is worth noting that this project was initiated pre-Covid when traffic was far worse than it is now. With the advent of hybrid working, there is no longer a justifiable business case for it

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael McAuley". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Michael McAuley