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**Date:** 15 August 2023

**Re:** Bus Connects Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme  
Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre

Dear 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](mailto: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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RE; Templeogue/Rathfarnham City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme. (ABP – 316272-23).

Dear Sirs and Madams,

I would like to make a submission regarding the planning application of NTA on their proposed Bus Corridor plans. I enclose my cheque for €50 being your fee.

Buses; I think the plan was to improve bus flows? We already have bus lanes, 30 mins max in/out of the city. The problem I see is there are no buses on them! If there were actual buses on the lanes more people might use them? Could money not be spent on new buses instead?

And cyclists are well catered for on these lanes, they have no problem getting about.

Traffic; rerouting traffic, from other areas, into Terenure Village will render our village unsafe and unusable for residents. Building multiple highways will increase noise and pollution and will increase the number of cars and result in residents being unable to leave or access their homes. I feel what is planned will destroy our village, our way of life, our businesses and our community.

Trees, Hedges, ancient garden walls; Where is the Environment Impact Assessment for the planned destruction of our green corridors? Trees cool the air temperatures in urban areas, absorb water, reduce pollution and absorb noise. We don't know if or where 'replanting' is to be done given we will not have space, only cement highways of traffic and it would take many years to replace the old ancient greenery around here. Trees and hedges are a bio diversity wildlife system covered by EU directives for conservation. They provide habitat, food and shelter for wildlife.

Nature is important for humans also, for our mental well-being and adding to our health. I disagree totally with what is being planned, to turn us into a barren landscape of nothing but highways filled with more traffic.

Ageism; I feel the older person is not being considered, at all, in these plans.

Many here are using walking frames, others walking sticks, some on mobility scooters and many now using trolleys for shopping. We need a crossing at the Synagogue so we can safely get across the Rathfarnham Road, a road used by many, many people back and forth, from Templeogue Rd, Fergus Rd, the Church, Lidl, Window Fashions, The Enterprise, from the bus stops each side and so on. An island in the middle would solve this so we could cross half-way before completing our crossing.

There are plans to move bus stops further away from each other! This does not help the older person. As it stands, the proposed plans are going to imprison people in their homes unable to move around the village in comfort and safety.

Village: There does not seem to be any thought given by the NTA to our village. Terenure is a village, a community of people who live together and work hard to keep our village community life alive. What is being proposed is the total destruction of us, our village, the place where we live and the nature that surrounds us.

I don't think these plans can be viewed as acceptable in any way and I hope An Bord Pleanala will take my views into consideration. Causing this amount of unnecessary destruction to us and our lives and spending exorbitant amounts of money doing so seems extreme.

Yours Faithfully,

Mrs Barbara Atkinson.