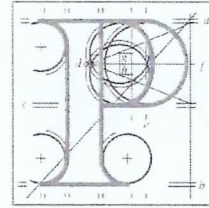


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**An
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Pleanála**

Cllr. Punam Rane
3A Main Street
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D15 NXP2

Date: 07 December 2023

Re: Bus Connects Kimmage to City Centre core bus corridor scheme
Kimmage, Dublin

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 at laps@pleanala.ie

Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

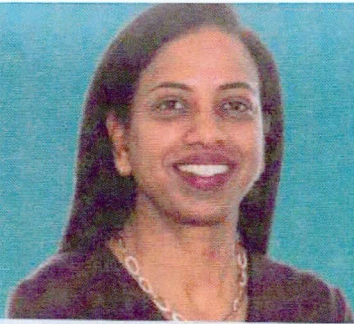
Yours faithfully,

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I am **Cllr. Punam Rane** the Fine Gael candidate for Kimmage-Rathmines local electoral area (LEA). I live in the area that includes Terenure and Kimmage, and therefore seeking to better understand the Bus Connects issues that many of the residents have brought to my attention.

I would like to submit and highlight the following points that I have heard on the ground.

1. Firstly, there is support for the programme from people who live on the Kimmage Road Lower, they have concerns about the current level of traffic on their road.
2. Secondly, there is opposition from Terenure Road West and roads off it. The residents fear the increase of extra through traffic that will result in lost connectivity to Kimmage village and the route to the city. I have seen a draft of the residents' association observation.
3. There is also opposition from the residential Ravensdale Park, Cashel Road, Stannaway Road and adjacent areas as again they fear a vast increase in through traffic, especially with diverted traffic at Ravensdale Park.
4. In addition, there are concerns in the areas off Lower Kimmage Road that access to and from their houses will potentially become more difficult. And there is concern about the eastern access point at the five-way Kenilworth junction.
5. Separately, concerns have been expressed from traders in Kimmage with access issues and they anticipate this will have serious damage to their businesses. These include several cars related businesses.
6. There is a wider general concern about accessing Mount Argus Church and Mount Jerome Cemetery. This is extremely important to the local community.

I am asking you to incorporate the above points in your decision making to address the concerns and objectives of all the local groups. In relation to the Kimmage corridor, I believe an oral hearing may be required to try and reconcile the issues and I am suggesting that one be held soon. My understanding is that the key to resolving the issues is the times various bus gates operate.

I would like to highlight that there have been quite a few issues related to the Templeogue - Rathfarnham corridor. But unfortunately, the planning process closed before my political involvement in this area.

Regards,

Cllr. Punam Rane