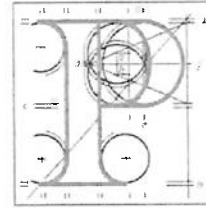


Our Case Number: ABP-317660-23

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**An
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Pleanála**

Gaillot et Gray
c/o Emma Gray & Gilles Gaillot
59 Clanbrassil Street Lower
Dublin 8

Date: 15 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,

Eiméar Reilly
Executive Officer
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To whom it may concern,

We are a small food business; Gaillot et Gray, located at 59, Clanbrassil st lwr, Dublin 8.

In reference to the planned bus corridor, we wish to express our utmost surprise and disappointment regarding the oversight of not engaging with the local business community during the initial planning phase. Businesses form the backbone of our city centre, and any infrastructural change that directly affects their operations should involve consultations with them from the outset. A collective decision, made in collaboration with all stakeholders, stands a better chance of achieving success and community acceptance.

Reasons for Concern:

Business Disruption: Local businesses rely on doorstep deliveries for smooth operations. Interruptions can have grave consequences on their functionality.

- Potential Loss in Revenue: Inefficient delivery points might result in delayed receipt of goods, spoilage of perishable items, and a restricted stock variety, subsequently affecting sales.
- Increased Traffic in Adjacent Streets: Rerouting of delivery vehicles could result in increased congestion and disruption in surrounding regions.
- Safety Concerns: Having to transport goods over extended distances can lead to hazards such as accidents and theft, especially during unsociable hours.
- Business Migration: The current conditions might drive businesses to consider relocation, resulting in potential vacancies and a diminishing city centre atmosphere.
- Potential Job Losses: Certain businesses, under the strain of these logistical complications, might be forced to cease operations, leading to regional job losses.

Proposal for Accommodating Businesses:

- Designated Loading Zones: Formulate specific zones near businesses tailored for loading and unloading, operational at designated hours.
- Delivery Windows: Dedicate specific times, preferably during early mornings or late evenings, exclusively for deliveries to minimize disruptions.
- Logistics Hubs: Propose centralized collection points or hubs along the bus corridor where businesses can conveniently retrieve their goods.
- Pedestrianized Areas: Transform certain segments of the city centre to accommodate electric delivery carts, enhancing pedestrian accessibility and safety.

- **Modern Technology Integration:** Utilize advanced technologies like AI and IoT for route optimization and real-time delivery tracking.
- **Engage with Business Community:** Schedule periodic consultations with the local business sector to continually assess challenges and refine solutions.
- **Compensation and Support:** Extend provisional financial assistance or tax benefits to those businesses that bear the brunt of the new changes.
- **Signage and Wayfinding:** Introduce clear and precise signage indicating delivery routes, zones, and permissible hours to mitigate any potential confusion.
- **Promote Off-peak Deliveries:** Advocate for deliveries during non-peak hours and incentivize such practices.

The city council must duly acknowledge the crucial role businesses play in shaping the city centre's dynamics. By actively listening and addressing their concerns, we can collaboratively ensure a well-rounded and successful execution of the bus corridor initiative.

Yours
Gilles Gaillot
Emma Gray
Company owners