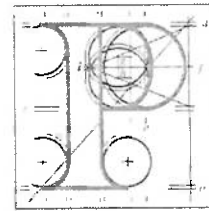


**Our Case Number:** ABP-317660-23



**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

Eilish Kenna  
7 Hazel Park,  
Lower Kimmage Road,

**Date:** 12 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](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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Bus Connects F Spine

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I refer to the above application by National Transport Authority and wish to make observations on the proposals:

I live in Hazel Park a small Cul de Sac a few yards north of site of one of the proposed Bus Gates at Ravensdale Park.

I am a regular bus user and also use a car My observations relate to the Bus Gate and bus commuting:

Despite being encouraged to travel on public transport I find that the changes in most cases involve switching buses even for short trips

The number 17 bus which took us directly to Shopping Centres in Nutgrove Dundrum and also Blackrock and schools including UCD has been taken out of service.

Eg; My elderly neighbour who used the 17 bus to shop weekly in Nutgrove will now have to get 2 buses including crossing a busy road junction to change bus. I thought I could offer her a lift but this isn't a great option if we are trying to limit emissions nor does it allow her to live an independent life AND when I grapple with the future plans for Bus Gates, rerouting of traffic etc., I cannot figure out if I can get to Nutgrove by car unless I go on a very long detour How can this be an improvement in service? How can this be green.

Really bad communication about these changes leaves people confused/worried/ wondering what sort of life we will have and who is making these decisions and showing no concern for what people actually need from public transport.

The 16 bus which took us directly to Dublin Airport is also being taken out of service we will now have to get 2 buses including in many cases having to haul large heavy bags across busy road junctions.

There is a new 74 Radial bus which winds its way through narrow roads and streets and ends it's long route in Dundrum it is by no means a replacement for the direct 17 bus.8

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The bus connects appears to me to be a system suited to a metro system where you are not overly concerned if you are going around a longer route because it is fast and reliable and regular. A bus system does not work in the same way.

We were promised a metro system some years ago.

In relation to the Ravensdale Bus Gate it is a major inconvenience to residents living close to the Gate and leaves them very disadvantaged. It seems that no consideration was given to residents living between the 2 bus gates on F Spine and with another very close to our F Spine.

We had no correspondence or flyers from NTA at any stage on the matter.

More than 90% of my driving is through the KCR crossroads which is 0.4Klm from my house I now have to travel 2.8Klms before I arrive at KCR this is through narrow busy residential roads while Bus Gate is operating. I feel almost imprisoned in my house as there is no other access off Lr Kimmage Rd South other exits are being closed off to traffic.

My driving is mostly when I have to travel to Wicklow at least twice per week.

It is also necessary to use car for heavier shopping and for larger goods.

There is major lack of any information regarding our bin collections and deliveries to the 2 supermarkets and pub and Pharmacy Post collection etc,. situated outside our Cul de Sac

I trust consideration will be given to the opinions of the end users in coming to your decision.

Regards

Eilish Kenna

7 Hazel Park

Lr Kimmage Rd.