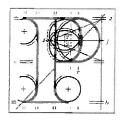


Our Case Number: ABP-317742-23

Your Reference: AWC Estate Owners Management Company Clg



An Bord Pleanála

A2Z Property Management Ltd Watergate Ulverton Road Dalkey Co. Dublin

Date: 13 October 2023

Re: BusConnects Bray to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme

Bray to Dublin City Centre.

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 note that the proposed road development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it or approved it with modifications.

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,

Sarah Caulfield Executive Officer

Direct Line: 01-8737287

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Email

Sarah Caulfield

From:

Sarah Caulfield

Sent:

Wednesday 11 October 2023 10:46

To:

Margaret Ryan

Cc:

Subject:

RE: Bray Scheme No. 317742 Lands being permanently Aquired No. on Map (1).1e,

(2).1e, (3).2e, (4).2e

Dear Margaret,

The Board acknowledges receipt of your email and attached objection.

Kind Regards, Sarah

From: Margaret Ryan

Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 4:21 PM

To: Sarah Caulfield <s.caulfield@pleanala.ie> Subject: Bray Scheme No. 317742 Lands being permanently Aquired No. on Map (1).1e, (2).1e, (3).2e, (4).2e

Thank you for taking my phone call earlier today. Please confirm receipt of the attached submission.

Kind regards Margaret



A2Z Property Management Ltd Watergate, Ulverton Road Dalkey, Co Dublin

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Phone: (**PRSA Licence**

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

6th October 2023

To Whom it Concerns,

AN BORD PLEANÁLA

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LTR DATED 067 385-23

LDG- 317742-23

Re: Lands being permanently Acquired No. on Map 1110 (I).le, 1110 (2).le, 1110 (3).2e, 1110 (4).2e, Total area 1158.4M2 Bray Scheme No. 317742

I am submitting this objection on behalf of the owners of the apartments in Woodbank (AWC Estate Owners Management Company Clg) to the Bray to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme Compulsory Purchase Order 2023 for the following reasons:

- The Woodbank Residents recognise that the BusConnects programme is an important effort to improve Dublin's bus service, however, we do not believe that it is necessary to run this programme through our village of Shankill and through our development. There is currently an excellent bus service with no significant traffic delays. There is no clear need for additional bus lanes between the Loughlinstown and Wilford roundabouts.
- The proposed bus corridor proposes a risk to many mature trees along the route from Bray including the trees and shrubbery in our development Woodbank. Almost all of our entire green area, shrubbery and trees will be removed under this programme. The removal of the trees and shrubbery would also be injurious to wildlife and birds. The habitat for hedgehogs, foxes, squirrels, frogs, bees and a large variety of birds will be lost. There is a large concentration of bats in the area. 4 lane highways in Shankill will create barriers to wildlife corridors
- Shankill is already well served by public transport a very good bus service as well as the DART.
- The Core Bus Corridor 13 is likely to have a negative impact on the physical and mental wellbeing of the residents living in the area.
- The CPO of the Woodbank land will damage the character of the area and will have an
 adverse impact on pedestrians, especially vulnerable ones, such as the elderly, people with
 disabilities, children & parents with buggies due to the narrowing of the footpaths and the
 creation of junctions at roundabouts.

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- The longer term impact of Covid-19 on home working and commuting needs to be considered.
- Dedicated bus lanes also mean dedicated car lanes leading to increased traffic and increased speed. The concern that ongoing congestion on the nearby M11 could result in increased use of Shankill as a rat-run.
- The NTA seeks to reduce bus journey times and improve facilities for cyclists and pedestrian
 with segregated cycle lanes where possible. This is not the case in Shankill where existing
 cycle lanes will be removed, while walking will be unsafe and unpleasant as bus lanes will
 immediately adjoin narrow footpaths creating risks to pedestrians.
- The proposal will cause major destruction to the build environment of Shankill and its surrounds from Loughlinstown to Wilford roundabouts and requires the removal of historic stone-based walls which are a feature of the area.
- The route selection was made six years ago in 2017, there have been major changes since then including TII decision re bus lanes on the N-M11. The criteria for dismissing Option 2A which follows a similar route to the N-M11 bus lanes, is no longer valid. Route Option 2A, which was a dedicated bus corridor parallel to the M11 was deemed to be the most advantageous under the Environment criteria as the loss of immature woodland along the M11 was considered to be less significant when compared to the loss of stone boundary walls, tree lines, hedgerows and mature trees along the Dublin Road. The selected route has major environmental impact while a revised Option 2A avoids the high cost, environmental impact and social disruption of the current proposal.

Please give serious consideration to the contents of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

Margaret Ryan

On behalf of the owners of the OMC

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