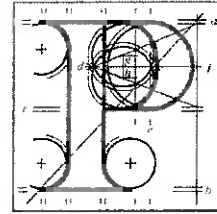


Our Case Number: ABP-317742-23



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Angela O'Sullivan
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Shankill

D18 FN30

Date: 11 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 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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BRAY SCHEME No 317742 (Bray to City Centre Bus Corridor)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to make the following objections to the Bray to City Centre Bus Corridor:

I have been a resident of Shankill since I was a very young child. The proposed bus corridor will mean that the 'village' of Shankill will be eradicated. I will no longer be walking, cycling or driving (I do all) into a tree-lined village with old stone walls. Instead, the trees will be gone, the walls will be gone.

The destruction of the trees goes against Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council policy on its Tree Strategy. This does not make sense to me.

As a cyclist, I will not benefit from the plan as there is no comprehensive plan for cycling in Shankill.

I remember when there were traffic lights at Quinn's Road and at Corbawn Road, the return to traffic lights is a backward step. It does not make it safer. I have personal experience as I got knocked down as a young child cyclist going from Quinn's Road to the 'Main Road' as a driver had jumped the lights.

I dread the return of traffic to Shankill and can see more car users using Shankill as a rat run to avoid traffic on the M11. This has already happened on occasions when traffic on the M50/M11 has come to a complete standdown. I'm sure that there have been studies on this but traffic in Shankill is from 8.15am to 8.45am and 5.30pm to 6.30pm with a slight increase when the primary schools close in the early afternoon. The introduction of traffic lights are not designed to help the people of Shankill.

I am also concerned about the access to the village for disabled drivers, the bus corridor removes the spaces. The changes to the paths will make to more difficult for wheelchair users, people using mobility aids and parents with prams to use the footpaths.

I am not convinced that it will help drivers passing through Shankill either, the by-pass is already over-used and public transport beyond Greystones is not an option for them. Any increase in bus services for people beyond Greystones should be using the M11 rather than going through Shankill so a corridor through Shankill would only slow down their journey and would not encourage the move from a warm car to a slow bus!

I do not see any evidence that the proposed corridor will increase bus journey times for both people travelling through Shankill and people travelling from Shankill. There is no doubt that

there is a noticeable improvement in bus usage since I was a child in Shankill. I am very grateful for that.

Regardless of what happens, Shankill will always be 'difficult' as while the NTA plans to ruin the village, it will still be a conurbation that has to transverse. The NTA does not recognise the beauty of the village, it has not engaged meaningfully with the people of Shankill to come up with a workable solution.

The rejection of option 2A by the NTA is no longer valid, Transport for Ireland has changed its policy for bus lanes on the M11. This reduces cost and avoids the destruction of Shankill.

Yours sincerely,

Angela O'Sullivan

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