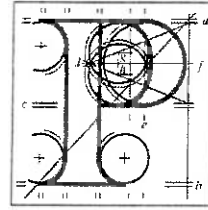


Our Case Number: ABP-317742-23



**An
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Aoife Stokes & Glenn Mason
17 Woodbank
Shankill
D18 DA07

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 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,

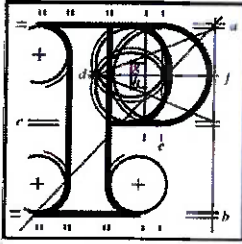
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Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

Observer's details

<p>1. Observer's details (person making the observation) If you are making the observation, write your full name and address. If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:</p>		
(a)	Observer's name	Aoife Stokes & Glenn Mason
(b)	Observer's postal address	17 Woodbank, Shankill, D18DA07

Agent's details

<p>2. Agent's details (if applicable) If you are an agent and are acting for someone else on this observation, please also write your details below. If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.</p>		
(a)	Agent's name	
(b)	Agent's postal address	



Postal address for letters

3.		During the process to decide the application, we will post information and items to you or to your agent. For this current application , who should we write to? (Please tick one box only)	
	You (the observer) at the postal address in Part 1	The agent at the postal address in Part 2	

Details about the proposed development

4.		Please provide details about the current application you wish to make an observation.	
(a)	An Bord Pleanála case number for the current application (if available) (for example: 300000)		
	Bray to Dublin Bus Connects Scheme		
(b)	Name or description of proposed development		
	Bray to Dublin Bus Connects Scheme		
(c)	Location of proposed development		

	(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)	
	Dublin Road, Shankill	

Observation details

5.	Grounds	
	<p>Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below. There is no word limit as the box expands to fit what you write.</p> <p>You can also insert photographs or images in this box. (See part 6 – Supporting materials for more information).</p>	
	<p>I have lived in Shankill for 33 years, it is a village still full of character and community, but has experienced much change and expansion. Indeed, it is a village that holds the remnants of other ill-fated public transport policy in the remains of the old Harcourt Street line.</p> <p>Our key objections are that this profound altering of this small and much-loved village, would result in time saving for bus users of just 7 minutes. The end does not justify the means.</p> <p>In parallel to this, plans for bus routes along the dual carriageway/M11 are progressing.</p> <p>We also understand that an analysis has shown that more than 400 mature trees will be felled along with many hedges and hedgerows. We have already seen the impacts that building in Shanganagh Castle are having on biodiversity in this area, and this will further impact the village's biodiversity and destroy wonderful, existing trees and greenery.</p>	

We can see the merit overall of the principle of Bus Connects, but it is not appropriate for a small village and is in conflict with government policy to focus on supporting local by-passes. Surely supporting this strategy will preserve local villages, encourage and grow local business, cycling in the village, etc and is a clear and preferable alternative to improve public transport links in this area, an end which we welcome and support.

Supporting materials

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

You can insert photographs and similar items in your observation details:
grounds (part 5 of this form).

If your supporting materials are physical objects, you must send them together with your observation by post or deliver it in person to our office. You cannot use the online uploader facility.

Fee

7.	<p>You must make sure that the correct fee is included with your observation.</p> <p>Observers (except prescribed bodies)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• strategic infrastructure observation is €50.• there is no fee for an oral hearing request••
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Oral hearing request

	8.	<p>If you wish to request the Board to hold an oral hearing, please tick the “Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing” box below.</p> <p>You can find information on how to make this request on our website or by contacting us.</p> <p>If you do not wish to request an oral hearing, please tick the “No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing” box.</p>	
		<p>Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<p>No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Final steps before you send us your observations

	9.	<p>If you are sending us your observation using the online uploader facility, remember to save this document as a Microsoft word or PDF and title it with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the case number and your name, or • the name and location of the development and your name. <p>This also applies to prescribed bodies sending an observation by email.</p> <p>If you are sending your observation to us by post or delivering in person, remember to print off all the pages of this document and send it to us.</p>	

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