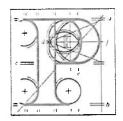
Our Case Number: ABP-317742-23



An. Bord Pleanála

Barry Wallace 5 Stonebridge Lane Shankill

Date: 10 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,

**Executive Officer** 

Direct Line: 01-8737287

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# Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

# Observer's details

| 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: |                           |   |  |  |
|    |  |                           |   |  |  |
|    |  |                           |   |  |  |
|    | (a)  | Observer's name           | Barry Wallace                           |  |  |
|    | (b)  | Observer's postal address | 5 Stonebridge Lane, Shankill, Dublin 18 |  |  |

# Agent's details

| 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.      |                |  |  |  |
|    | (a) Agent's name   | Not applicable |  |  |  |

| (b) | Agent's postal address | Not applicable |
|-----|------------------------|----------------|
|     |                        |                |

# Postal address for letters

|      | 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 |  |  |  |  |
| Deta | ails 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 city centre bus corridor  |  |  |  |  |
| (b)  | Name or description of proposed development   |  |  |  |  |
|      | Bray to city centre bus corridor  |  |  |  |  |
| (c)  | Location of proposed development  |  |  |  |  |
|      | (for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)                                      |  |  |  |  |
|      | From Quinn's road Shankill to loughlinstown roundabout  |  |  |  |  |
|      |   |  |  |  |  |

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

#### Observation details

#### 5. Grounds

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.

You can also insert photographs or images in this box. (See part 6 – Supporting materials for more information).

Shankill is currently sufficiently serviced by a number of buses. The proposed bus corridor uses the existing 145 and 155 routes. There are buses every 10 minutes and there is no delays caused by the stretch from Quinn's road Shankill to the loughlinstown roundabout. The proposed widening of the roads including removal of trees are wholly unnecessary and have not considered current real life scenarios. The proposed complete upheaval will have no benefits for this route. In addition to this the removal of the roundabout at Quinn's road and converting the corbawn lane at Lidl to one way has no benefit to the bus corridor or the area. This is wasted resources and wasted money shoe horned into the area under an umbrella project for the bus corridor upgrade. Much of that upgrade may have benefit but the proposed upgrades for Shankill have no benefit are ill considered and unnecessary. Resources and spending would be much better used elsewhere

There is also a proposal of an additional walking path and cycle track at Stonebridge road, while this could actually be advantageous the plans have not factored in the current development at Stonebridge wood, as part of this development that area is designated for a playground. The cycle track should

#### 5. Grounds

not take away from local amenities like playgrounds and should consider the same access of children to the playground

# 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

- You must make sure that the correct fee is included with your observation.
   Observers (except prescribed bodies)
  - strategic infrastructure observation is €50.
  - there is no fee for an oral hearing request

# Oral hearing request 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. You can find information on how to make this request on our website or by contacting us. If you do not wish to request an oral hearing, please tick the "No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing" box. Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing

# Final steps before you send us your observations

- 9. 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:
  - the case number and your name, or
  - the name and location of the development and your name.

This also applies to prescribed bodies sending an observation by email.

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.

For Office Use Only

| FEM - Received | SIDS – Processed |
|----------------|------------------|
| Initials       | Initials         |
| Date           | Date             |

Notes