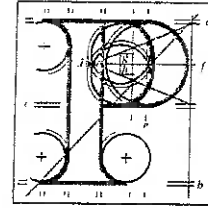


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Our Case Number: ABP-317742-23



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Brian Holland
34 Woodbank
Dublin 18
D18 WY23

Date: 12 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.

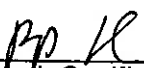
Please note that the proposed road development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it or approved it with modifications.

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,



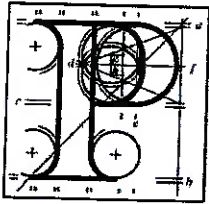
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Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

Observer's details

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

Brian Holland

(b) Observer's postal address

34 Woodbank, Dublin 18, D18WY23

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

(b) Agent's postal address

Click or tap here to enter text.

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).

The proposed CPO of lands at Woodbank involves a significant loss of mature trees. Dublin Road in Shankill is currently a moderately busy, tree-lined suburban road. The road has the Loughlinstown ambulance dispatch centre and has a very frequent bus service at present resulting in already significant traffic noise. The mature trees along the road, and in particular along the property boundary at Woodbank, provide significant noise abatement for residents in both Woodbank and in the Stonebridge development which is behind Woodbank.

The proposed Bus Connects Corridor will not result in any significant change in the frequency with the E1 replacing the existing 145 and 155 services. Currently, there is zero traffic congestion in Shankill. Removing mature trees to add unnecessary bus lanes would be turning what is a suburban village into simply another urban highway seems to be complete overkill in this regard. Plans already exist to add bus lanes to the N11/M11 which bypasses Shankill. Adding bus lanes through Shankill will only encourage commuter traffic to “rat-run” through Shankill village and divert car traffic away from the M11/N11 and instead into a quiet village environment.

Whilst we welcome the overall Bus Connects project, and the proposed improvements in service that will come with the project, we cannot support elements of the plan that will destroy the village of Shankill and the amenity

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. 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

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