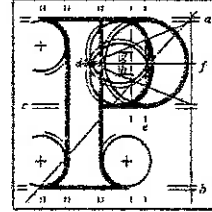


Our Case Number: ABP-317742-23

Planning Authority Reference Number:



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Bridin Hegarty
57 Quinns Road
Shankill

D18A096

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 (including your fee of €50) 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 the mean time, 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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To Whom it may concern

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To whom it may concern

Regarding above mentioned scheme I wish to make the following observations

The current Mission Statement on your website regarding climate change and air quality where you state that it is the role and intention of ABP to act responsibility for the greater good in both areas appears to have been largely ignored in regard to this proposed plan with the

- A) Removal of in excess of 420 mature trees many of which are over 100 years old
- B) Removal of approx 2.5km of established hedgerow on a 3.5km stretch of road

Any mitigation by replanting new areas of woodland would take many years to reach maturity and the damage done in the interim is impossible to predict.

In terms of the destruction to the natural habitat of many species I am led to believe that there are possibly four colonies of Bat's that would be displaced and as it is currently an offense to kill or injure a Bat there seems to be no information on how you propose to manage this situation.

I have lived in this area for 34 plus years and have not experienced any major difficulties or significant delays with Buses passing through Shankill Village in fact most delays occur either at the Loughlinstown roundabout or at the Bray North roundabout. I see no evidence that ripping the heart out of either the approach roads or the main village will deliver any improvement at either location.

In an effort to hasten the journey from Bray to Dublin City center by an estimated maximum of eight minutes it would appear that adverse effect on Biodiversity, the Environment and the Community of Shankill would be disproportionate to any **eight minute** gain to the commute of members of the public.

There are many other solutions that would result in Shankill village and the immediate surrounding area retaining the existing community benefits for the growing population of the area including the extension of the Luas line, the N11 bus corridor and improvement to the Dart service.

Surely the protection of the heritage and culture of an area should take precedence over an **Eight minute** saving on a commute or do you envisage a modern urban sprawl from Leeson St.

I have been unable to find an estimated cost for the proposed Bus corridor but would suggest that the money could be much more wisely spent.

Sincerely,

Ms Bridin Hegarty

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