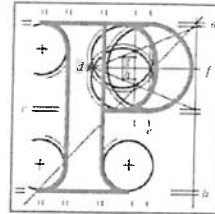


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**Our Case Number:** ABP-317742-23



**An  
Bord  
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Celine Smyth  
Dunloe  
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Shankill

**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](mailto: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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09 October 2023

Re Bray Scheme No 317742 Bray to City Centre Bus Corridor

Dear Sir / Madame,

I write with regard to the proposed bus corridor through our village of Shankill. It is with dismay as a taxpayer that this being considered. Shankill is a community of people who do not want to see the unnecessary destruction of our beautiful village to save a minimum amount of time to get into the city centre. From information circulating it would appear it is less than an 8 minute saving of time. How can that amount of public funds and disruption be worth 8 minutes?. Again I state as a taxpayer and considering the amount of deaths we have had on our roads in the last year public funds are best directed to these areas. I travel the country for work and some of the roads are in a shocking state.

In an age where we talk constantly about maintaining good mental and physical health and respect for nature and biodiversity this plan is in complete contradiction to any of these social improvement projects. A bus corridor through the heart of a village kills the very spirit of a village. This is a place where people walk at their leisure safely, meet and greet each other and foster good community ties. We are creating a city where people spend a fortune on mortgage and rents to live in apartment boxes with no fostering of community spirit which is proven to contribute to mental health. Plans such as these put obstacles to the natural ability to engage with your community. Our mental health services in this country are not in any way meeting the demand required so why do further damage at grass root levels.

As per your own mission statement on your website QUOTE ...“we take our role and responsibility in reducing the effects of climate change very seriously at NTA.....the World Health Organisation states that 92% of people around the world breath air quality which falls short of recommended guidelines....’

You will be responsible for the unnecessary destruction of numerous beautiful old trees that line the road into and out of shankill. This is not acceptable, again scientific proof which you know tells us trees clean our air and in a densely populated area such as Shankill this is a social and health issue inducing respiratory illness. There is a good percentage of an elderly population

here where respiratory health is of utmost importance. I work in a hospital and see way too many respiratory illness's feeding into again our overburdened health service. Any replacement trees will be years and years maturing if they do at all from traffic pollution and dwindled soil quality.

The destruction of these trees and associated flora and fauna will in turn have a detrimental effect on our wild life. I understand there are bats in these areas. It is an offence to kill or injure a bat. What have the Parks and Wildlife service said about this? I will be informing them myself. If a survey has been carried out, what is the standard of this survey? A survey that is bias is questionable.

Shankill is an old village worthy of cultural protection removing beautiful old well built stone walls destroys the historical content of the village.

For all of the above and the expense from the public purse for an 8 minute saving seems beyond all comprehension and especially when a bus corridor is planned for the N11. There are other alternatives. There is new Dart station at woodbrook planned. More Dart stations and dart carriages?

We as a community will be requesting an oral hearing on this.

Regards,  
Celine Smyth, Jim Smyth, Maura Smyth  
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