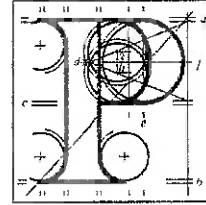


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**An
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Pleanála**

Ciaran Cuffe MEP
The Tara Building
11-15 Tara Street
Dublin 2

Date: 13 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,



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Bray to City-Centre Core Bus Corridor

Dear Madam/Sir,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for the Bray to City-Centre Core Bus Corridor. The cycle lanes between Stillorgan and the city centre may be among the most heavily trafficked in the country, but they have not received investment commensurate with this. If done right, this project thus has the potential to generate a substantial modal shift towards sustainable mobility, but only if the needs of all road users and local residents are taken into account. I suggest the following measures to improve this project and ensure its success.

1. The temporary land acquisition behind Patrician Villas, just North of the junction of the N11 and Stillorgan Park Road, could be avoided by taking space away from the central median at this point. This would have the benefit of preserving the mature trees and biodiversity currently present at the roadside. Patrician Villas residents would also retain the view and sound insulation provided by such greenery.
2. Retaining the slip road at the junction of Stephen's Green South and East is a missed opportunity to improve pedestrian mobility, particularly for those walking to and from the National Concert Hall.
3. Improved signage is needed for visitors to find their way to UCD by active travel modes.
4. Minor traffic calming measures along the N11 at points approaching pedestrian crossings would signal for drivers to slow ahead of pedestrian lights
5. The interruption of the bus lanes to facilitate left turns either side of Leopardstown Road/Newtownpark Avenue is unnecessary. Three lanes for car traffic are sufficient here as elsewhere.
6. The decision not to provide for footpaths along parts of the Bray Road is an error. As this part of Dublin County continues to develop, pedestrian permeability will become more desirable, and such active mobility should not be foreclosed by a lack of suitable infrastructure.
7. The junction of the N11 and Wyattville Road should be made more legible for Southbound cyclists

Thank you for taking these comments into consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Ciarán CUFFE, MEP for Dublin

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MEP for Dublin