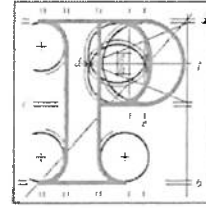


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**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

Cllr. Kate Ruddock  
c/o County Hall  
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council

**Date:** 09 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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6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

Ref: 317742 Bray Bus Connects

I write to make an observation on the Bray Bus Connects scheme.

In general I welcome the proposal for a bus corridor on the N11 from Bray to the City Centre. I believe it is right to give priority to bus travel. I also welcome the improvements to cycle infrastructure on this road which enhance the safety of cycling here.

On Sheet 20, at Patrician Villas. I question the location and the need for the access ramp from the N11 to Patrician villas, and the associated removal of trees, and green space. I believe the inclusion of this ramp at this location will have adverse impacts on the environment and existing residents' enjoyment of their neighbourhood here for the following reasons.

- The screening from the road is very important to the residents of Patrician Villas, as both a visual and noise barrier.
- The density of the existing trees and hedge also provide important space for biodiversity in a very urban setting.
- The green space is used by the children as a football area, which would not be possible following the construction of the ramp as proposed.
- Pedestrian and cycle access to Stillorgan and the N11 is already well established through the existing underpass. I propose that improvements to this underpass would better serve the neighbourhood, including improving access for disabled persons, pedestrians and cyclists to Stillorgan, Patrician Villas and the N11 bus stops. Improvements could include a footpath and a cycle way along the northern edge of the green space of Patrician Villas, improvements to the surface of the existing ramp on the Stillorgan side, better lighting and conditions for the underpass.

I ask you to reconsider the design of the ramp at this location, and seek an alternative location that would not lead to the negative impacts described above. I suggest that if a ramp and access stairs from the N11 to Patrician Villas is considered necessary, then instead it could be moved to avoid removal of trees, avoid taking up the existing green space, and instead is designed to be located at the point of the existing underpass.

Kind Regards,

Cllr Kate Ruddock