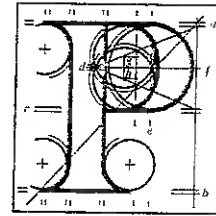


Our Case Number: ABP-317742-23



**An
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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 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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RE: BRAY SCHEME No 317742 - Bray to City Centre Bus Corridor

Dear Sir/Madam,

With regard to the above proposal to provide the section of the new bus corridor through the village of Shankill we would make the following observations on the proposal;

- Currently there are no major traffic issues through the village of Shankill that would significantly impact on the passage through of busses. The main traffic issues are caused when busses stop which could easily be dealt with by forming recessed bus stops out of the line of passing vehicles. There has been no evidence presented to date to validate that the proposals will result in any improvement in bus journey times through Shankill.
- The proposed works will result in the destruction of the unique character of the roads leading to and from Shankill village including the removal of 420 healthy, mature trees, some of which are 100+ years old and the removal of historic stone boundary walls. This could all be saved, and, busses that serve Shankill could be facilitated with just minor impact on this route if the previously considered, but rejected, option 2A route adjacent to the M11 was used to have a number of busses bypass Shankill completely. This would also be far less disruptive to the residents of Shankill.
- Dunlaoghaire – Rathdown’s “Tree Strategy 2023-2030” states.
 - that trees play a significant role in climate action, mitigation, adaption, and biodiversity. The role of trees as carbon sequesters and other tree benefits relating to Climate mitigation, air quality and health and wellbeing.
 - It is the council’s policy “to manage and retain healthy trees which were planted historically in residential verges and are now mature. These trees, due to their maturity, provide many important benefits such as carbon sequestration, mitigation of air pollution, noise abatement, habitat for wildlife to name a few.. “
 - The council states that “It is extremely difficult to get new trees established in the urban environment with the increasingly dry summers, hostile ground conditions, competition with services in the street and vandalism “
“existing trees are a valuable amenity and need to be retained”

The removal of such a large quantity of mature trees is **totally** in contradiction to this policy.

We would request that an oral hearing be held to allow all issues raised in this observation letter be addressed publicly prior to any works for the proposed bus corridor are carried out to preserve as much of our unique tree lined village and its approaches.

Yours sincerely.

Colette Harold & Tim Bebbington.