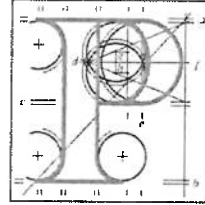


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Planning Authority Reference Number:



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Esmond Green
Springfield House
Ballybride Road
Rathmichael
Dublin 18

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 (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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BRAY SCHEME No 317742 (Bray to City Centre Bus Corridor)

An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
Dublin 1

10 October 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you as an individual who has lived in Shankill for almost 40 years, who grew up there and who is currently raising his young family there. Shankill and its surrounding areas has a strong sense of community with a beautiful natural environment and a series of thriving small businesses.

The proposed changes to the village of Shankill is shockingly ill advised and poorly considered. I request a public oral hearing to openly discuss the negative implications of the proposals on the town, the community and the ability of small businesses to sustain themselves.

It is clear that the authors of the proposed plan are not residents of Shankill and have given no due consideration to the impact of their plans. I have a few points which I wish to make:

- Shankill does not have a traffic problem and it is serviced by an excellent bus service complemented by what will soon be two DART stations (Shankill and Woodbrook). There is no need for additional bus lanes in Shankill and their imposition will not result in any meaningful commute time savings.
- The proposed plan would have a destructive impact on Shankill and its surroundings. We are fortunate to benefit from beautiful surroundings and our mature trees are a critical aspect of this. To strip these out would relegate the village of Shankill to being a mere thoroughfare void of some of the surroundings which we pride ourselves on. This is not to mention the additional impact on biodiversity, flora and fauna through the proposed unnecessary destruction.
- The impact on local businesses is something that should be considered carefully. The village is a vibrant place which I've enjoyed watching grow and develop over the years. The current proposals would have a completely destructive impact on the vibrancy of the village and will undoubtedly hinder the ability of businesses to survive and thrive.

I strongly urge you to reconsider the current plans. There is not a traffic problem that needs solving in Shankill between the Wilford and Loughlinstown Roundabouts. There must be alternative solutions (e.g. express busses along the N11 between Wilford and Loughlinstown Roundabouts) that are not as destructive as the current proposal.

The lack of satisfactory information and public consultation on the Shankill leg of the scheme and its potential alternatives and the very questionable findings of material parts of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report require an open transparent public oral hearing before any further decision can be made on the section between the Loughlinstown and Wilford Roundabouts. I respectfully hereby demand an oral hearing to be held on the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Esmond Greene

Springfield House, Ballybride Road, Rathmichael, Dublin 18