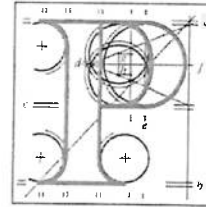


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**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

Eugene Ryan  
40 Miuntain View  
Shankill  
Co. Dublin  
D18H0C0

**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](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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10 October 2023

Regarding the above, and the proposed routing through Shankill, Co. Dublin,

I have the following observations.

The proposal does not improve the transit times through Shankill by any appreciable amount. I have done this route in the “rush hour” in the recent few weeks, both on busses and by car. The difference is negligible. One, maybe two, minutes of a difference.

The proposal will mean the destructions very mature trees and coppice. Biological research shows us the interconnectedness of trees through the root systems, and affect the local biome significantly.

These trees are also home to many families of local bat species. Not to mention significant insect and bird populations – all, being the subject of much concern because of their diminishing numbers over the last 30 years.

Further to this environmental impact, this area is a significant wildlife corridor, corridors being regarded as significant to environmental health.

The proposed scheme will interfere tremendously with the existing biodiversity.

From a historical point of view, much of the route through Shankill has quite a history. Apart from the trees, the walls of estates were built over a century and a half ago, using methods and skills that are long lost to us. There are at least 3 Benchmarks still existing in the walling between Shankill and Wilford Roundabout. With one of them still surviving opposite what was the old RIC Barracks. These were created in the early to mid-1800s.

Overall – the fact that journey times are not significantly impacted (from my own actual observations) by existing bus traffic, shows this plan to be a large waste of public funds/taxpayers (our) money.

I request that you revert to the plan of the Motorway based bus corridor, and not destroy the historical, environmental and social fabric of the old Shankill village.