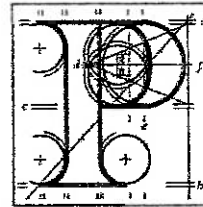


Our Case Number: ABP-317742-23



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

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D18 A440

Date: 06 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: Bus Connects – Bray to City Centre - Permanent Acquisition of land – 1125(1).1e, 1125(2).2e & 1125(3).2e

To whom it may concern,

I and my family have lived at 25 Shanganagh Vale for more than 40 years which is to the front of the estate parallel to the N11. I am writing once again, to strongly object to the proposal for the provision of a pedestrian entrance to Shanganagh Vale via an opening in the existing estate boundary wall to the bus corridor on the N11.

This is the second time I have objected to the same proposal from the NTA which I cannot fathom as **there has been ZERO engagement with the residents of this estate over the past 4 years and this is not something which the residents of this estate have requested.** I would like to make a number of points which I would hope are taken into serious consideration when this is being reviewed by the board.

Point 1:

In the past there was an pedestrian entrance into Shanganagh Vale which was a disaster for many residents of the estate. The entrance allowed for non-residents to transit through the estate and resulted in large groups of youths congregating and running wild through the front portion of the estate. **At no point have the NTA asked the residents of this estate who will be the only group affected if they would like this entrance.** I understand why they may think this is a good idea but history (a history they would not know or be familiar with) has thought many residents otherwise.

Point 2:

Arising from point 1 there was ongoing and **serious damage caused to property with windows smashed, arson to cars, theft and general vandalism. There were also assaults and intimidation.** All of these instances were recorded with An Garda Síochána in Cabinteely and they became a constant presence at some stages within our estate. I do not want to return to seeing a repeat of this and cars on fire within our estate.

Point 3:

The location of the proposed entrance is on a busy right-hand bend in the only entry/exit route to the rear of the estate. There are no footpaths to the left or right of the proposed entrance and those using an entrance would have to cross the road on effectively a blind bend.

Point 4:

When the boundary wall to the estate was being built along the N11, I was part of a group who had many consultations regarding the N11 bus lane, boundary wall, access provisions, etc. The group and Resident's Committee representative fought long and hard to have the entrance closed and a wall without another entrance built. This was possibly 20 years ago and since that day peace and quiet have presided over this estate. This proposal will undo this and will most likely return us to a state of anarchy. I trust you will not let this happen.

Point 5:

The new Bus Connects Corridor is a fantastic project and will bring many benefits to commuters along the N11 corridor and I fully support the project. However, I cannot understand when there have been several objections in 2019 why there would not be consultation with the residents of Shanganagh Vale. The proposed entrance to our estate will be to the detriment of the security and peaceful environment of the estate and for the young families living here.

My daughter's family now lives at number 25a. I'm horrified at the thought of my grandson enduring the horrific actions and sleepless nights having to live through events similar to the hell we endured for years while access was maintained to the N11. I was on the verge of selling up my home before the entrance was removed and I don't wish what happened to me and my family in the past to be inflicted on my daughter's family or the many new residents in the estate.

I trust An Bord Pleanála will have the safety and well-being of residents and their families at foremost of their thoughts when considering this application to re-introduce a pedestrian access point into the boundary wall of the N11 and Shanganagh Vale.

Yours sincerely,

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