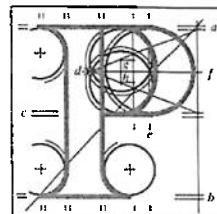


Our Case Number: ABP-317742-23



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Geraldine Comiskey
18 Shanganagh Grove
Shankill
Co. Dublin

Date: 02 October 2023

Re: BusConnects Bray to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme
Bray to Dublin City Centre.

Dear 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,

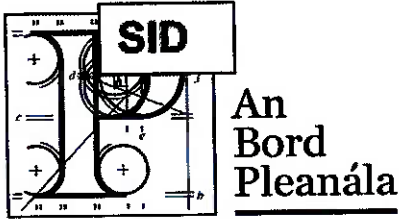
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Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

Observer's details

1 Observer's details (person making the observation)

- If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.
If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

(a Observer's
) name

Geraldine Comiskey

(b Observer's
) postal address

18 Shanganagh Grove, Shankill, Co Dublin

Agent's details

2 Agent's details (if applicable)

- If you are an agent and are acting for someone else **on this observation**, please **also** write your details below.
If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a Agent's name
)

Click or tap here to enter text.

(b Agent's postal
) address

Click or tap here to enter text.

Postal address for letters

3. During the process to decide the application, we will post information and items to you or to your agent. For this **current application**, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only)

You (the observer) at the postal address in Part 1

The agent at the postal address in Part 2

Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the **current application** you wish to make an observation.
- (a) **An Bord Pleanála case number for the current application (if available)**
(for example: 300000)

- (b) **Name or description of proposed development**
)

- (c) **Location of proposed development**
) (for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

Observation details

5. Grounds

Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below. There is **no word limit** as the box expands to fit what you write.

You can also insert photographs or images in this box. (See part 6 – Supporting materials for more information).

The focus of BusConnects perpetuates the myth that Shankill village needs more connectivity to the city centre. While it is true that Shankill residents without access to private transport lack good transport links to parts of Dublin county, the village already has an excellent bus service linking it to the city centre.

The project is counter-productive from an community perspective as it would encourage more commuters to use Shankill village as a "park-and-ride" location.

The inclusion of high-speed cycle lanes would exacerbate the problem of cyclists intimidating pedestrians in the village, particularly the elderly and disabled.

The plan to remove mature trees makes a mockery of any pretence of the state environmental benefits of this project; to say it is regressive is a massive understatement.

The plan to knock down old artisan-built stone walls would destroy the character of Shankill village; generations to come would cite this as an example of wanton vandalism and philistinism.

Shankill village already has a by-pass; this should be utilised to provide a route for BusConnects and the associated high-speed cycle lane. The

5. Grounds

by-pass could be widened to include bus corridors and cycle lanes, with little disruption to Shankill village residents and business owners. This would also be more practical for commuters as a park-and-ride could be located close to the by-pass.

If more buses are to serve Shankill village, they should be cross-county routes, and they should serve areas of the village currently without a bus service (eg, Quinn's Road) to cater for people who cannot walk far and who do not have cars.

BusConnects should be about solving problems - not exacerbating current problems and creating new ones.

Supporting materials

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or

other supporting materials.

You can insert photographs and similar items in your observation details: grounds (part 5 of this form).

If your supporting materials are physical objects, you must send them together with your observation by post or deliver it in person to our office.

You cannot use the online uploader facility.

Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct fee is included with your observation.

Observers (except prescribed bodies)

strategic infrastructure observation is €50.

there is no fee for an oral hearing request

Oral hearing request

8. If you wish to request the Board to hold an oral hearing, please tick the “Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing” box below.

You can find information on how to make this request on [our website](#) or by contacting us.

If you do not wish to request an oral hearing, please tick the “No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing” box.

Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing

No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing

Final steps before you send us your observations

9. If you are sending us your observation using **the online uploader facility**, remember to save this document as a Microsoft word or PDF and title it with:
- the case number and your name, or
 - the name and location of the development and your name.

This also applies to prescribed bodies sending an observation by email.

If you are sending your observation to us by post or delivering in person, remember to print off all the pages of this document and send it to us.

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Initials		Initials	
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Notes