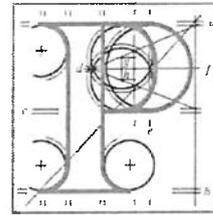


Our Case Number: ABP-317742-23



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Karl Troy
10 Beech Road
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Date: 11 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.

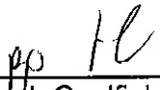
Please note that the proposed road development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it or approved it with modifications.

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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Bray Scheme No 317742 (Bray to City Centre Bus Corridor)

An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough St,
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10th Oct 2023

Dear sir/madam,

I respectfully make a number of observations regarding the above mentioned Bus Connects scheme and it's impact on the area I've lived in for over 38 years.

1. Need for Change?

I'm at a loss to understand the need for the proposed bus corridor as we already enjoy an excellent service. As I understand it, post the proposed changes we will actually have fewer buses through the village as the 155 route and 84 route will disappear.

2. Time Saving versus the loss of our village

The NTA estimate that the time saving, post the destruction of the charm of Shankill village and it's environs, will be 5.9 minutes northbound and 7.3 minutes southbound. Could the damage done to our beautiful village be worth this proposed time saving? I very much doubt it.

3. Trees

It is estimated that in excess of 400 mature trees will be removed between Loughlinstown and Wilford Roundabout as a consequence of this bus corridor. Many of these trees are over 100 years old. Any trees planted to replace them will take decades to mature to anything like those removed. Is 5.9 minutes or 7.3 minutes of proposed time saving worth this wanton destruction?

4. Biodiversity

The Shankill area is literally teeming with biodiversity. There are three species of bat nesting in the trees near Cricken Church. What will become of them following this proposed destruction? The route from Loughlinstown to Wilford is full of hedgerows that support many species of bird and animal and should be protected in these fraught times for our environment.

5. Alternative Route

This route was first selected in 2017. Since then the TII proposed the provision of bus corridors on the N/M11. This would seem to be a more sensible use of existing infrastructure rather than wreaking havoc on our community via the removal of beautiful old stone walls, mature trees, hedgerows etc.

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Oral Hearing

As a follow up to my observations I would respectfully request an full oral hearing so that the people of this area get the proper opportunity to ventilate their justified concerns

Yours faithfully,

Karl Troy