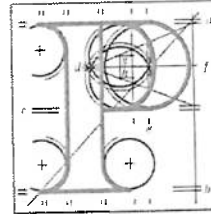


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**Date:** 17 October 2023

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

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your observation or submission in relation to the case mentioned above 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 be advised that copies of all submissions / observations received in relation to the application will be made available for public inspection at the offices of the Local Authority and at the offices of An Bord Pleanála when they have been processed by the Board.

For further information on this case please access our website at [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie) and input the 6-digit case number into the search box. This number is shown on the top of this letter (for example: 303000).

Yours faithfully,

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Re Proposed Bus Connects Scheme - Shanhill

Achtara,

I recall some three to four decades ago, before the N11, also Bypass and before the D.A.R.T y buss transport systems were put into place. The three combined villages of Shanhill, Cabinteely y Stillorgan had to deal with the strain of being the only route for all traffic on the East coast from Dublin to Rosslare, this meant that the traffic congestion was extreme most of the time.

Today the population density has increased in these villages. However, Shanhill has more transport solutions today than ever before y thankfully is extremely well serviced.

DRCC, about three decades ago invested a sizable sum of money to improve the infrastructure of Shanhill, Electricity cables were moved underground, new street lighting and new pavements were put in place.

They also assisted retailers to improve their shop fronts along with the greening of all the public spaces which was overseen by the Parks Dept.

This had a very positive effect both visually and practically for the community.

My concern with this proposed bus connects scheme, C.P. D.

and general sentiment of the scheme will change the visual aspect of the rural nature of the route from Little Bray all the way to town.

Cont'd of Proposed bus connect's scheme - Shanhill.

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Currently at peak times during school term we can see a build up of traffic causing some delays for the buses. However, outside of these peak/pinch times the traffic flows well both ways through Shanhill Village.

On Balance, As a modern society, we must ask ourselves.

What do we need out of our village?

Do we want all our architectural vernacular heritage with all its mature trees, sylvan boundaries to be swept away to make way for a modern bus connect corridor, which will leave us without our 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> century stone walls, period gates & pillars, old granite curb stones, old specimen trees, hedges and will leave us with a totally changed visual landscape of modern concrete slip casting, industrial street furniture & fencing. Hi vis signage and harsh landscaping. All this distasteful, just to ease our traffic flows at peak times for roughly thirty six weeks a year during school ~~terms~~.

It was not long ago C.I.E. (Dublin Bus) sought to demolish Temple Bar area of Dublin City to create a modern Bus interchange. Thankfully a stop was put to that and a different outcome prevailed.

During the Covid lockdown era, the thousands of people who live in Shanhill enjoyed the village and its environs for what it is in its present format.

Cont'd Proposed Bus connect scheme - Shamkilly. 111

I wonder do we fully understand or appreciate the impact of harshness and lack of visual appeal <sup>this</sup> will have on our senses and mental health.

Currently with improved Broadband and flexi style working patterns introduced into the modern workforce <sup>this</sup> may actually prove to be a natural & organic way to ease the strain on the transport options of the population on the east coast. This together with a plan to invest & improve the national all Ireland (Island-wide) rail service will have an effect to spread the population across the Island and will in time ease the pressure on the East coast.

I have lived all my life on the East coast, schooled in Bray and have lived in the Shamkilly district with my family for the last thirty years.

I am a frequent user and believer in public transport.

I don't believe that the proposed scheme is the right course of action for our Community at this time.

Is wise to Meas

Martin D. BERDON.

See enclosed.