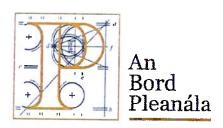


Our Case Number: ABP-317742-23

**Planning Authority Reference Number:** 



Paul Cullen 26 Patrician Villas Stillorgan Co. Dublin A94 PV08

Date: 10 October 2023

Re: BusConnects Bray to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme

Bray to Dublin City Centre.

Dear Sir.

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 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,

**Executive Officer** 

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## TO AN BOARD PLEANALA.

Objections to permission been granted to NTA RE. BUS CONNECT proposals on modification works which been carried out inside and outside Patrician villas Stillorgan.

Case reference number 317742.

In the first instance I would like to strongly complain about the lack of consultation on behalf of the NTA/and Rath down county Council.

The first residents were aware of the proposals was a sign with a map on the pole at the entrance to the underpass in patrician villas and a further notice on a cycle lane at the location of the bus island bus stop.

Most critical Objections.

Loss of trees which were originally planted as a sound barrier over 40/50 years and act as a safety protection barrier between the main N11 and the estate.it is proposed to remove up to 50% of these trees represent a vital benefits in the case of carbon emissions and flooding, absorb dust, and act a vital part during storms in the protection in flooding etc.

There is also the provision of wildlife habitats for birds and other species and their removal would have an adverse effect on the residents of patrician villas.

### SAFETY.

This is a major concern as the proposal been put forward will see an open access to the main N11 where a toucan crossing is been placed just above the underpass.as a resident of over 40 years I have seen the installation of foot bridges which later had to be removed due to the lack of use .we currently have an underpass which allows egress from patrician across the N11 for children going to school, elderly residents with access to the shopping centre.

The placement of a toucan crossing in our view could result in a higher risk to children, foot passengers off the bus and anils having easy access to the N11.

I would like the board to put mitigation in place in the circumstances as its an accident waiting to happen.

## INCREASE TRAFFIC IN THE ESTATE

The proposals also want to provide a ramp and steps into patrician for easy access for bus passengers. this will result parking difficulties and traffic congestion in a small estate where children and playing with increased traffic. The proposed ramp could be used as a short cut speeding cyclists, scooters, which could increase accidents. The provision of ramps could also be hazardous for the elderly in wet, icy conditions.

#### LOSS OF GREEN SPACE.

The proposed concrete ramp and staircase in the front of the underpass will eradicate recreational space where children play.

The proposed footpath will remove a significant piece of land encroaching into patrician villas where there have been no mitigation measures been proposed or replacement in the case of tress or shrubs which proved a sound barrier for noise and pollution.

# IN SUMMARY,

The proposals cut across several areas of concern mostly notably safety for our children and residents and pets which would now have easy access to the N11. Whist we all are talking about biodiversity and climate change the removal of trees is a major issue which could bring future problem such air quality pollution effecting the elderly and children alike and increase noise levels not mind flooding or other weather events effecting the estate.

I am not opposed to future change but this proposal from the NTA cuts across several areas of concern and the easy access to the N11 is a transgressive step which could result in increase in accidents.

We have a perfectly good underpass that people can all use to transgress the N11 to the Laurence Park side.

I would ask if you would consider the views expressed in this objection in relation to this project.

Paul Cullen.