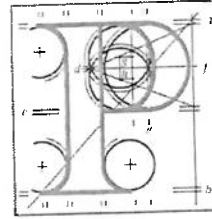


**Our Case Number: ABP-317742-23**



**An  
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Philomena O'Riordan  
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Dublin 18

**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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### Observation to An Bord Pleanála

#### Bray to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme

I've been a resident of Shankill for the last 10 years. One of the reasons for moving here is the fact it has a village and has so many trees giving it a village and country atmosphere. I cannot see any advantage in the proposed Bus Corridor through Shankill or the surrounding area. I think at the moment we have an excellent bus service with no delays running through Shankill. This proposal is for the benefit of people travelling to and from Bray and Greystones and not for the people of Shankill with no significant or guaranteed reduction in journey time. A far better solution would be to have certain buses (especially express buses) traveling from the Wilford Roundabout to the Loughlinstown Roundabout on the N11. Moving these buses onto the N11 and keeping these existing buses in Shankill will achieve time saving for the buses, be more cost effective and less detrimental to the environment and biodiversity. Also this will save the needless destruction and removal of many mature trees.

My main concern is the destruction of numerous mature trees throughout the village and surrounding areas. Where everyone is telling us we should be planting trees to offset carbon monoxide and this proposal is doing the opposite. This is going to spoil the look of the area and increase the levels of Carbon Dioxide. As a sufferer of bronchiectasis, this will severely impact my quality of life and I wish to know if they have taken any measurement to find out how much this will effect the air quality.

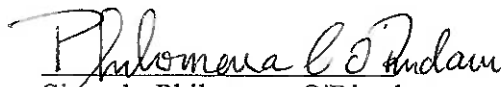
I fail to see the logic in removing roundabouts which currently help the traffic flow through Shankill efficiently and replacing it with traffic lights. This can only create traffic build ups and increase exhaust fumes. The proposed new junction at Shanganagh Road will cause stationary cars and their fumes to block the entrance to estates and make it very difficult to get in and out of these estates, especially for the elderly and visually impaired.

As you are aware, there are 2 large development happening on the Bray Road, with almost 800 new units. Although there will be a new Dart Station at Woodbrook to service these people, unless they are going to City Centre or along the Dart line they will have to take the bus. As the current bus service is being reduced, there will be more people using less buses. The 145 bus which currently goes to Hueston Station, will not go there anymore and this will be a huge loss especially people with Country connections and the elderly.

We have not had the opportunity of a public meeting since the revised proposal was issued. This is not democratic and appears to be pushed through without any real consultation. The maps used to create this proposal were out of date and incorrect. Am I right in assuming that noone came out and walked and viewed the affected areas.

The huge cost and utter upheaval, disruption and devastation to our beautiful Tidy Towns competition Gold Medal winners in 2022 and 2023 does not justify any of these proposals and the supposed time saving benefits.

Yours faithfully,

  
Signed: Philomena O'Riordan

9<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
Date: