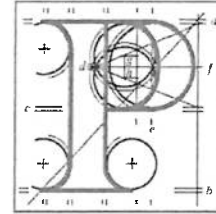


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**An  
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Pleanála**

Pola Finegan  
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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](mailto: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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Dear Sir

I would like to object in the strongest possible way to the **Bus Connects Proposal Route 13** as it effects the Shankill Community from Loughlinstown Roundabout to Wilford Roundabout.

The grounds for my objection are too many to write in a single submission but a brief summary of them is the loss of a village community by putting a four lane carriageway through the heart of a community, tearing down mature trees in the process and leaving a cold bleak urban jungle in the wake of the Bus Connects proposals. It will not be an easy community for less able residents to navigate eg walking along a footpath beside 4 lanes of traffic is hardly encouraging for exercise of mental health. Currently less confident but completely safe drivers navigate around the village by using the roundabouts , crossing a 4 lane road to make a right hand turn is far more daunting. Surely with the advent of electric cars its time that public authorities to move away from damming all car users and making journeys unattractive to all car users regardless of their age etc. If this proposal is allowed to go ahead Shankill will become a cold and unsafe place for less able residents to move freely around and for all of us the important Green aspect of or village will be lost. It is worth noting that replacing mature Green trees by new trees is not a satisfactory substitution. With the extreme weather patterns we are now experiencing new trees might never get established and clearly existing mature trees sequester way more carbon. The loss of the Village Green at St Anne's Church and the alterations to this landmark setting at the entrance to the village is the very opposite to the stated aims of "Improving the Public Realm".

Shankill is already bypassed, let me add my voice to urge you to use the bypass for the new bus lanes not our already squeezed community once more houses are built in Shanganagh Castle and Woodbrook. Its perverse that Bus Connects pretend to look to the future yet residents cannot make objections to the proposal based on future construction plans for the community.

Finally, as a resident in Corbawn I object in the strongest to the closing of Corbawn Lane. This will create traffic mayhem that will radiate all over the village. Emergency services will struggle to access the residents of the area during busy hours and local residents will be discouraged from shopping locally. Closing Corbawn Lane but leaving it as an unused 2 lane road will undoubtedly create a huge personal security risk for the many pedestrians who use this as a link walkway from and to the DART, the bus routes and the village. The loss of the passive supervision by passing motorists WILL result in antisocial behaviour and the hugely increase the potential of random attacks on passerbys.

I strongly add my support to submissions by Shankill Tidy Towns who will list many of the drawbacks in far greater detail.

Kind Regards

Pola Finegan