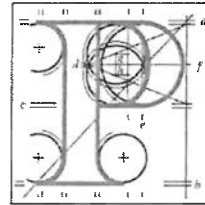


Our Case Number: ABP-317742-23



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Rayna Connery & Owen Tighe
78 Patrician Villas
Stillorgan
A94 P598

Date: 10 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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Monday October 9th 2023

CASE REFERENCE: 317742 - OBJECTION

Dear Sir or Madam,

We would like to raise an objection to the proposed plans relating to the Bray/ Dublin city bus corridor scheme that will have a direct, negative impact on our estate Patrician Villas and Patrician Grove.

Our most critical objections are:

Loss of Trees – the proposal to remove 50% of the mature trees is very concerning from a sound barrier point of view. The trees clean the air, absorb dust and wind, muffle the sounds from the N11. The trees also protect the estate from a risk of flooding and shelter our community during storms - which according to the EPA Ireland will be affected by increasing storm intensity as a result of climate change. The trees are also a habitat and home for foxes, squirrels, birds etc. Nature watching brings many neighbours joy and reduces stress levels.

Loss of Air Quality – if the trees are removed, we will be more exposed to extra carbon emissions from the traffic. Being exposed to air pollution can increase lung conditions including asthma, bronchitis and pneumonia. Higher exposure to air pollutants increases susceptibility to poor health and reduces quality and standard of living.

Danger – increased danger for children and pets in the estate with increased traffic volume and potential accidents. We are also concerned about anti-social behaviour – we are aware that a previous overpass was removed due to stone throwing issues for traffic below.

Loss of sound barrier – wall and trees are sound absorbers and removal of same will escalate noise pollution. Exposure to loud noise causes sleep disturbance and leads to stress in our household. How quiet this estate is was one of the primary reasons we bought the house last year.

Loss of land and green space – the proposed ramp and staircase in front of the underpass will eradicate recreational space for children play, kick balls and people relax.

We are also concerned about loss of privacy, loss in views, loss of parking and loss of property value. The proposed plans of less trees and more traffic will mean Patrician Villas will be less private, less green, more polluted, busier, noisier, more litter and a more dangerous place to live. The image of Patrician Villas will be substantially altered under the current proposals which may adversely impact property value in our area. We urge you to refuse these planning proposals.

Yours Sincerely,

Rayna Connery and Owen Tighe