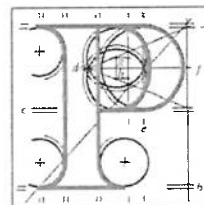


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**An
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Richard Noonan
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D18AY74

Date: 13 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 (including your fee of €50) in relation to the above-mentioned proposed road development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

Please note that the proposed road development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it or approved it with modifications.

If you have any queries in the mean time, 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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Dear Sir/Madam,

10th October 2023.

I am writing to submit my objection to the proposed Bus Connects corridor from Bray to the City Centre on the route through Shankill. I have lived in Shankill for nearly 20 years and have found that over that period of time the village has grown more into a community with a huge amount of children and young adults moving into the area and helping to build a younger community to allow it to grow.

My request is that public hearing be held to allow my objection and any others that are received to be addressed.

My key areas of objection are as follows:

1. I reside adjacent to the Dublin Road and I am concerned about the intrusion into the village by high speed vehicles. The removal of the roundabout at the Dublin Road and Quinns Road junction will increase the speed of vehicles moving into the village. As a parent to young children who walk to and from school along that road I am against that. Currently all vehicles need to slow to a suitable speed to go through the junction as it would be impossible to navigate at highspeed. With green light there is no need for drivers to reduce speed while passing my front gate and as such it will directly impact the quality of life. It will make it a less safe environment for children, my own and others along with associated noise pollution from increased road speeds.
2. Due to my proximity to the junction at Quinns Road it will impact my ability to get into or out of my driveway due to again the speed of traffic and also should there be lights the capacity of the traffic to allow myself or my wife to turn towards the village of Shankill.
3. The rural nature of the environment in Shankill will be impacted by the removal of stone walls and tress, some of which are older than the state. IT does seem to be very contradictory for an agency to remove carbon dioxide processing tress in order to implement a bus infrastructure with vehicle which have a large carbon footprint both from production and use.
4. The potential impact on the biodiversity of the area. I note that surveys have been commissioned and it has been noted that a number of protected animals such as bats have been identified in areas to be removed by this proposal. What is the organisations approach to ensuring the survival of the biodiversity in the area of Shankill?
5. The impact and frequency of the resulting bus services is a further challenge. I work in the city centre and commute a number of days a week. I tend to use a mix of DART, Bus and cycling. The resultant decrease in the number of busses serving Shankill to me is also at odds with the proposal to increase bus usage and reduce bus times. The changes from the 125, 155 and 45A routes to the new E1 and 211 routes appears to have a net reduction in busses through the village thus encouraging more people to use other means of transport. This

coupled with three new residential developments (Stonebridge Road, Shanganagh Castle and Woodbrook) in the area does appear to be another contradictory statement.

In summary I feel that the community in Shankill will suffer on the basis of the proposed changes. I am not certain that the reduction in journey time documented is likely to be achieved by the disruption and damage caused to the village of Shankill. The planning notices dotted around Shankill are unclear and in some cases misleading in my opinion. Personally I enjoy the fact that I can walk my children to school safely as the speed is restricted by the two roundabouts at each end of the village. This is a positive to all the residents. I feel that the works proposed will make that walking journey more dangerous for me and my children which is likely to need me to drive them to school thus impacting the environment and contradicting the drive for a greener community and country.

Kind Regards,

Richard Noonan