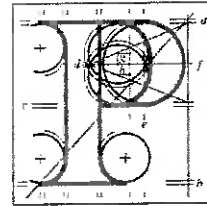


Our Case Number: ABP-317742-23



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Ruth Kennedy
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Cabinteely
Dublin 18

Date: 06 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.

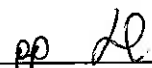
Please note that the proposed road development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it or approved it with modifications.

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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Re: Bus Connects – Bray to City Centre - Permanent Acquisition of Land – Site Locations 1125(1).1e, 1125(2).2e & 1125(3).2e

To whom it may concern,

I live in Shanganagh Vale, Cabinteely and I am writing yet again, to strongly object to the proposal for the provision of a pedestrian entrance to Shanganagh Vale via an opening in the existing estate boundary wall to the bus corridor on the N11.

Previously, I had objected to this proposal in 2019 when it was first tabled, yet it seems without any proactive engagement on the issues raised then or during the past 4+ years, it has been deemed appropriate to include this entrance yet again without any discussion with the residents of Shanganagh Vale whom are the only people impacted by this proposal. There has been no request from residents to put an opening in the wall after being closed 19 years ago and whom are in fact the only group who will be adversely impacted from this. Yet again, I set out those reasons because it seems these were disregarded out of hand 4 years ago.

My family have lived at 25 Shanganagh Vale for more than 40 years which is to the front of the estate parallel to the N11. My husband and I now reside next door to my Dad with our now 8 year old son.

Initially we were made aware of the plans and a suggestion to open up the boundary wall for pedestrian access to buses and as a general pedestrian access route in 2019. In recent weeks it was noticed that the NTA have moved forward with this again and is seeking to acquire the land to create this entrance. This matter was heavily discussed in some detail at our past Shanganagh Vale Residents AGMs at the time and still continues to cause grave concern. At the time, I reminded my fellow residents of the crime, property damage, upset and intimidation my family and our fellow neighbours endured for years whilst a pedestrian entrance was open into our estate particularly along the front of the estate parallel to the N11 in the EXACT SAME LOCATION as is being proposed now.

When the entrance previously existed, rocks and stones were thrown at our house breaking windows on several occasions by gangs of youths. There was ongoing verbal intimidation, damage to cars parked outside our house from arson to name but a few of the issues. This was not just a regular occurrence for years it became regular life. This anti-social behaviour every weekend, at all hours of the day and night created a terrifying environment in which to live. I personally called the Gardaí at Cabinteely Station on a regular basis and at our request, they would drive through our estate several times at weekends to make sure it was safe. Due to the years of constant harassment and crime, my parents seriously considered selling up and moving out of the estate to ensure the safety and sanity of our family. If it wasn't for the construction of the current secure boundary wall between the estate and the N11 which immediately resolved the problem they would have moved.

While on paper access to the new Bus Connects Corridor for this estate may sound like a good thing, surely this should not be to the detriment of the security and peaceful environment of our

estate and for the families living here and without serious consideration of the residents wishes on the matter. Since the construction of the current boundary wall there has been absolutely no crime or anti-social behaviour reported among the residents of the estate to the levels which existed prior to the wall being built. If nothing the estate is extremely private, quiet and very safe which houses three creches and other small businesses. We have had lots of new families moving into our estate over the past few years and they were horrified to hear what had gone on previously. For the sake of a couple of minutes extra walk (4 minutes to be exact!) they got behind us.

The construction of the new road infrastructure related to Cherrywood along the N11 paralleled and adjacent to Shanganagh Vale has seen new bus stops and pedestrian crossings constructed, relocated and improved for those of us who travel by bus. These changes have brought the walking distances from Shanganagh Vale to these relocated bus stops down significantly therefore the proposal of an access point through the existing wall is in my view pointless at best and far outweighed by the risks outlined above.

The security and safety of residents and the public should be the priority when any decision is being considered for a possible re-introduction of a pedestrian entrance into Shanganagh Vale. Having reviewed the plans for bus stops on the N11, I would note that the walking distances are not very great to start with and would question the reasoning for a pedestrian entrance at all. From the far end of the estate parallel to the N11 to the northbound stop is a mere 600m or 4 minute walk and the southbound stop an shorter 500m or 3.5 minute walk. At best a new pedestrian entrance would reduce the walking time to about 1 minute and I would suggest it's questionable that saving 2.5 – 3 minutes walking time would outweigh a return to the crime and anti-social behaviour of the past.

My father now lives on his own now at number 25. I feel physically sick at the thought of this access being re-instated for his sake and mine, as it brings nothing but horrific reminders of the hell we endured for years while access was maintained to the N11.

I trust you will have the safety and well-being of residents to foremost of your thoughts when considering the proposal and would urge you in the strongest possible way **NOT TO** re-introduce a pedestrian access point into the boundary wall in Shanganagh Vale.

Yours sincerely,

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