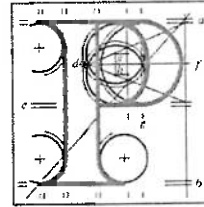


Our Case Number: ABP-317742-23



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Sean Leavy
64A Patrician Villas
Stillorgan
Dublin

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 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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Subject: Objection to case ref 317742 - Lack of Community Input and Environmental & Security Concerns

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Dublin

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10th Oct 2023

Dear Members of An Bórd Pleanala,

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed case ref no 317742 in our neighbourhood. I believe that this project presents issues that have not been adequately addressed, and I am deeply concerned about the impact it will have on our community.

First and foremost, there has been a notable absence of community input in the decision-making process regarding this project. It is disheartening that residents, who will be directly affected by the development, were not given the opportunity to voice their concerns, suggestions, and opinions. Community engagement is a fundamental aspect of responsible urban planning, and it is crucial to consider the perspectives of those living in the affected area.

Furthermore, I am deeply concerned about the environmental consequences of this project. The proposed development entails the removal of long-standing trees in the area, which plays a vital role in mitigating noise and air pollution. These trees not only enhance the aesthetic appeal of our neighbourhood but also contribute significantly to our quality of life by reducing noise levels and improving air quality. The loss of these trees will have a detrimental impact on our well-being and the overall environment.

The potential increase in noise and air pollution due to the removal of these trees could negatively affect the health and tranquility of our homes, particularly those near the road. It is essential to prioritise the preservation of green spaces and the existing natural elements that make our neighbourhood a desirable place to live.

The proposed reduction of barriers between the proposed path and the estate poses security concerns about increased bike, scooter & bus passengers have not been addressed either. More people will be moving around closer to a what will be an now more exposed neighbourhood.

Removal of a natural multi-purpose tree barrier and building a wall is not a suitable solution. Concrete/cement wall don't filter fumes from the air. Planted saplings may not mature for years either. There has already been a great reduction in long standing trees in the Stillorgan area due to recent developments which were never addressed. We don't need any more such actions.

The proposed upheaval of the current peaceful pedestrian tunnel, increased noise and reduced road access for residents offers no advantages for Patrician Villas residents. It only offers a reduced quality of life for anyone living in the area.

In light of these concerns, I kindly request that the An Bórd Pleanala reevaluates the case ref 317742 Stillorgan and takes the following actions:

1. Ensure meaningful community engagement by soliciting input from residents and stakeholders in the affected area.
2. Conduct a thorough environmental impact assessment to understand the consequences of tree removal on noise and air pollution.

3. Explore alternative solutions that would minimise the negative impacts on the community and environment.

I urge you to consider the well-being and wishes of the residents who call this neighbourhood home. It is essential that the planning board acts in the best interests of the community and the environment. Your attention to these matters is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sean Leavy