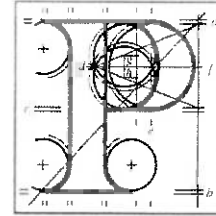


**Our Case Number:** ABP-317742-23



**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

Sophie Wynne-Evans  
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Crinken Glen  
Shankill

**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](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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BRAY TO CITY CENTRE CORE BUS CORRIDOR - Sophie Wynne-Evans  
[with particular regard to SHANKILL and BEECH ROAD, CRINKEN GLEN]

Dear Planners,

Many years ago the N11 bypass restored community to Shankill. Please don't allow this community to be destroyed for little to no gain as I will explain in these observations:

**TREES - Four hundred and twenty mature trees [312 to the west of the village, 108 to the east] line Shankill from the Loughlinstown Roundabout right up to the Wilford Roundabout.** All to be removed as a result of the present proposals to cut through Shankill. These beautiful trees boundaried by heritage walls, were planted for us by people who never saw their maturity as a gift to coming generations. They not only beautify our community but importantly:

- **Line and soften all the new builds that have developed and continue to be developed in Shankill.**
- **Cleanse the air of pollution.**
- **Absorb traffic noise.**
- **Are playgrounds for our children.**
- **These trees are THE central amenity of life here in Shankill, a joy to the heart and eye as people travel through Shankill every day.**
- **Destroying them contravenes Dunlaoghaire Rathdown County Council's Biodiversity Action Plan and proposed Tree Strategy.**
- **It will take well over 100 years to return trees of this present maturity to Shankill.**

**EXISTING BOTTLE NECKS** - Crucially, the natural bottle necks provided by the bridge into the village, and by the now protected village itself, diminish any time gained by destroying these heritage walls and mature trees to construct the bus corridor. **The time gained by these proposals are presently estimated as only two minutes through Shankill.** So much proposed destruction and financial outlay for so little gain. I understand that most of the time saved on the Bray to City Bus Corridor will actually happen closer to the city centre, most especially from a designated cycle and bus lane on Lower Leeson Street heading into the city, along with bus only access to St Stephen's Green restricting cars.

**EXPRESS BUS LANE PROPOSED ON N11** - There is already a new bus lane proposed for the N11 [N11 M11 Bus Priority Interim Scheme] to provide express access to the city centre for growing residents of Bray, Greystones and the rest of Co Wicklow. This proposal would be a win/win for both the towns of Co Wicklow and for Shankill, preserving our community and present

excellent bus service; the 145 [every ten minutes], 155 and 45A, [including successor routes E1 and 211]. We are also be getting a new Dart Station to be built at Woodbrook to add to our already existing Dart Station at Rathallagh. So please leave our community as it is, a community.

**BEECH ROAD, CRINKEN GLEN** - I advocate particularly for the retention of the green belt of trees directly in front of our row of houses on Beech Road in Crinken Glen which is to be removed under the present plans. These beautiful trees protect us in all the ways described above from the endless buses and traffic that pass right in front of our homes. They are play-houses for our children and an amenity for us all. Neighbours here mow the grass, plant spring flowers, collect litter and look after this narrow but vital tree belt. And only recently Dunlaoghaire Rathdown County Council have done great work repairing the beautiful heritage wall that boundaries the trees. All of this is to be sliced away in the present proposed plan, which will bring the buses and traffic right up against our houses without their protection.

**CONCLUSION** – To summarise; the proposed time to be gained by these proposals through Shankill is estimated at two minutes. So much permanent loss as I have described, for so little gain. So please bypass Shankill once again. So that we, like those who first planted our trees, can protect this lovely community for generations to come.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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