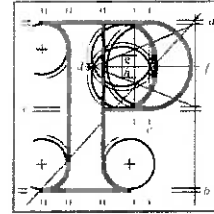


**Our Case Number:** ABP-317742-23



**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

Tricia McGrath  
76 Mountain View  
Crinken Glen  
Shankill

**Date:** 11 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.

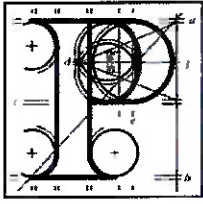
Yours faithfully,

  
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## Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

### Observer's details

#### 1. Observer's details (person making the observation)

If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.

If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

(a) Observer's  
name

Tricia McGrath

(b) Observer's  
postal address

76 Mountain View, Crinken Glen, Shankill, Dublin 18.

### Agent's details

#### 2. Agent's details (if applicable)

If you are an agent and are acting for someone else **on this observation**, please **also** write your details below.

If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

N/A

(b) Agent's postal  
address

N/A

## Postal address for letters

3. During the process to decide the application, we will post information and items to you or to your agent. For this **current application**, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only)

You (the observer) at the postal address in Part 1

The agent at the postal address in Part 2

## Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the **current application** you wish to make an observation.

- (a) **An Bord Pleanála case number for the current application (if available)**  
(for example: 300000)

NTA Bus Connects CBC Route 13

- (b) **Name or description of proposed development**

NTA Bus Connects CBC Route 13

- (c) **Location of proposed development**

(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

NTA Bus Connects CBC Route 13 – Shankill section

## Observation details

### 5. Grounds

Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below. There is **no word limit** as the box expands to fit what you write.

You can also insert photographs or images in this box. (See part 6 – Supporting materials for more information).

As residents of Shankill for the last 13yrs we have major concerns regarding the proposed destruction of Shankill as a result of the current Bray to Dublin bus connects route.

Shankill is a unique, historic and charming village which will be utterly destroyed by the proposed bus connects.

We strongly object on the following grounds:

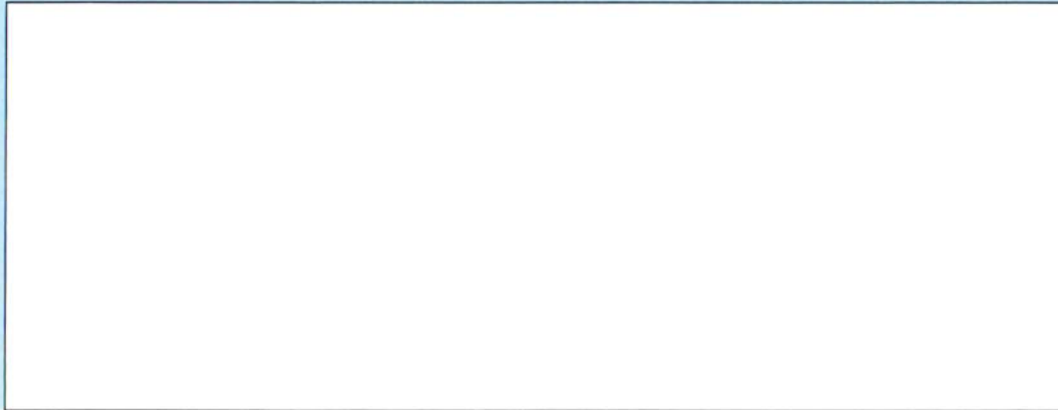
1. Economics – in our opinion it makes little or no economic sense to spend vast sums of money to gain approx. 5 to 7mins journey time. Of the expected journey time saving only 2 to 3 mins can be attributed to Shankill. Therefore, the cost/benefit analysis is in our opinion flawed. In addition it is our understanding that if the proposal is successful the number of buses travelling through Shankill will reduce thus weakening further the supposed benefits of the scheme.
2. Environment – through a local survey it is conservatively estimated that approx. 470 mature trees will need to be felled to make way for the bus corridor and kilometers of hedgerows destroyed. Some of these trees are situated on housing estates that were granted planning permission in the last few years with the specific condition to retain said trees. Trees and hedgerows are vital not only for human health (mental, respiratory) but are also critical for maintaining the local biodiversity, specifically forage for bees, nesting for birds and housing for bats. It is our understanding that there are 3

## 5. Grounds

species of bats that depend on the current tree population for survival. We would encourage An Bord Plenala to investigate further. Additionally there are kilometres of historic picturesque stone walls and waymarkers that will be destroyed if the corridor succeeds.

3. Safety – under the proposal the road between Crinken and Woodbook would be 17mtrs with no central reservation. We have major concerns on how children and elderly residents will safely cross the road given there are amenities on both sides of the road. The only safe option would be to have the pedestrian lights stay green for a substantial time which will slow down the progress of the bus and eliminate any potential saving in time by adding the corridor.
4. Viable alternatives – it is our understanding that there is currently a proposal to have a bus corridor on the N/M11 between Bray and Loughlinston roundabout. Splitting the current service to have an express service on the N/M11 and the current regular non express service through Shankill village is a more sustainable, environmentally sound and cost effective alternative and meets the objective of all parties.
5. Aarhus Convention – was this adhered to?

## 5. Grounds





## Supporting materials

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

You can insert photographs and similar items in your observation details: grounds (part 5 of this form).

If your supporting materials are physical objects, you must send them together with your observation by post or deliver it in person to our office. You cannot use the online uploader facility.

## Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct fee is included with your observation.

**Observers (except prescribed bodies)**

- strategic infrastructure observation is €50.
- there is no fee for an oral hearing request

## Oral hearing request

8. If you wish to request the Board to hold an oral hearing, please tick the “Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing” box below.

You can find information on how to make this request on [our website](#) or by contacting us.

If you do not wish to request an oral hearing, please tick the “No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing” box.

**Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing**

**No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing**

## Final steps before you send us your observations

9. If you are sending us your observation using **the online uploader facility**, remember to save this document as a Microsoft word or PDF and title it with:

- the case number and your name, or
- the name and location of the development and your name.

This also applies to prescribed bodies sending an observation by email.

If you are sending your observation to us by post or delivering in person, remember to print off all the pages of this document and send it to us.



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**Notes**