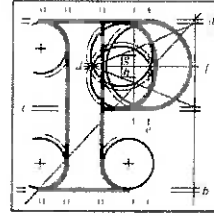


Our Case Number: ABP-317742-23



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Una Bannon
14 Stonebridge Close
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 aps@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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SUBMISSION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA IN CONNECTION WITH BUS CONNECTS DUBLIN - BRAY TO CITY CENTRE BUS CORRIDOR

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While supportive of the project in principle I believe several of the proposals are unnecessary.

Please see feedback from an economic, environment and social perspective on the proposed Bray Bus Corridor through Loughlinstown and Wilford roundabouts

Economic

- The proposal is to reduce the number of buses going through Shankill village, while making substantial changes to the road layout at unnecessary significant cost.
- It has been established that the current delays on the bus routes are primarily driven by bottlenecks in Bray, rather than the journey between Wilford and Loughlinstown roundabouts. It makes more economic and environmental sense to alleviate these bottlenecks rather than destroy the environs of Shankill.
- For minimal cost and disruption, traffic congestion in the village at peak times, could be alleviated by having no right hand turns between the Corbawn Lane and Quinn's Road roundabouts.
- Given the plan to utilise the M11 for bus corridors from Greystones, it would seem unnecessary necessary to destroy Shankill for a reduced bus service.

Social

- Government policy is to provide for local bypasses for Ireland's towns and villages. Shankill already has a bypass, which has been very beneficial to the area. The proposal to make a runway through Shankill will have an adverse impact on Shankill's community and will also endanger pedestrians and cyclists.

Environment and Congestion

Congestion

- Due to the proposal to widen the roads, additional pedestrian crossings are to be installed thereby increasing the potential number of stops on the route and contributing to traffic congestion.
- The current proposal to remove access to Corbawn Lawn will have a detrimental impact on residents and will also contribute to substantial traffic congestion on both the Dublin Road and Shanganagh Road.
- In both instances, this will adversely impact the planned time savings on bus journeys to and from town.

Environment

- Several studies have been carried out regarding the health benefits of having trees in residential areas. The current proposal is looking to fell a number of mature trees, thereby impacting residents' wellbeing.
- In addition, removing established trees and hedgerows will have an adverse impact on the biodiversity of the area. The environmental study carried out does not address the impact on local wildlife and floral and fauna, e.g. I did not see any reference to the impact on the bat population. Environmental considerations are of utmost importance given the world's focus on climate change.
- The removal of heritage granite walls will impact on the local architecture and heritage.
- Shankill recently received a gold medal in the 2023 Tidy Towns Awards which is a great achievement. The current proposals are counterproductive to the work carried out over the years to build on and improve the area.

General

- Please confirm the proposals conform with the Aarhus Convention.
- Shankill is also fortunate in that it has easy access to both the Luas and DART, noting the new DART station at Woodbrook is due to commence works in the coming months. The benefits of having access to other forms of public transport should be considered before making a final decision on making unnecessary changes to the environs of Shankill.

Conclusion

The current proposals have a high monetary cost with very minimal benefit, while having a devastating impact on the local community and environment.