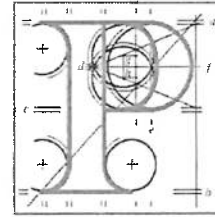


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Our Case Number: ABP-317742-23

Violet Doherty
99 Patrician Villas
Stillorgan

A94 HY39

Date: 12 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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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in objection to the proposed planning notice of the Bray – Dublin City Bus corridor scheme case number 317742, and the resulting effects on Patrician Villas.

There are a number of reasons why I'm writing this objection, the number one being the loss of trees. The proposal is set to remove 50% of the mature trees that are planted here. They act as a safety barrier to the busy N11 and provide a number of benefits. They provide clean air, absorb pollution and wind, provide a sound barrier, prevent flooding and absorb carbon emissions. In a world where the worrying effects of climate change are becoming more and more apparent, trees play a vital role in trying to offset these effects. Trees eat the greenhouse gases that cause climate change, and their removal is contrary to protecting Patrician Villas and the surrounding areas from the harsh effects of climate change.

This loss will also significantly impact on the safety of my animals. I have several pets that freely roam in the green as far as the planned works. They are sheltered from the traffic hazards by the tree coverage. My occupation as a veterinary surgeon places me in a knowledgeable position to advise you that in removing this natural safety barrier my animals and the pets of the estate, as well as the many foxes and wildlife here, are at a significantly increased risk of death and injury.

A second objection is on the grounds of the impact these planned works are likely to have on the biodiversity and wildlife we are fortunate to have in the estate. This includes foxes, hedgehogs, many species of birds and even badgers. Each year a family of fox cubs are born and raised in the estate which provides a safe and natural habitat for urban foxes. I have lived here since 2015 and have seen three generations of fox clubs being born in this area. In carrying out the planned works, the increase in human foot traffic through the estate, noise pollution from building works and removal of natural foliage cover will ensure that any wildlife we are fortunate to have in the estate will be forced to seek habitat elsewhere.

Finally my third objection is on the grounds this planned work is likely to have in the value of my property. Patrician Villas is a prime location that is accessible to town with the benefit of a mature green area – a quiet haven in an urban area. This estate is fortunate to not get impacted by anti-social behaviour. In removing the trees, it is likely to increase foot, cycle and car traffic throughout the estate, therefore making it more susceptible to an increase in anti-social behaviour and loss of the natural quiet estate. This in turn is likely to de-value my property.

Thank you for your consideration in the above objection.

Kind regards,
Violet Doherty