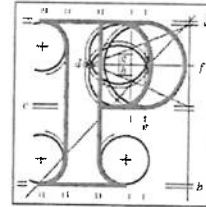


Our Case Number: ABP-317780-23



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Alison, Mark, Leya & Esme Fallon
44 Woodbank
Shankill
Dublin 18

Date: 17 October 2023

Re: Bray to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme Compulsory Purchase Order 2023
Bray to Dublin City Centre

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your objection in relation to the above-mentioned compulsory purchase order.

In respect of same, please note that in circumstances where

- (i) no objections are received by the Board within the period provided for making objections, or
- (ii) all objections made are subsequently withdrawn, or
- (iii) all objections made relate exclusively to matters which can be dealt with by a property arbitrator the Board will inform the local authority as appropriate and, in such circumstances, the local authority can itself confirm the order with or without modification or refuse to confirm the order in accordance with the provisions of section 216 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

Please be advised that those listed on the Compulsory Purchase Order schedule associated with this application are not required to pay the €50 fee associated with this case. As you are listed on the schedule, a refund of €50 will be issued to the debit/credit card used to make payment for this submission .

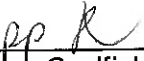
The Board will revert to you in due course in respect of this matter. If you have any queries in the meantime please contact the undersigned officer of the Board at laps@pleanala.ie

Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

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Yours faithfully,



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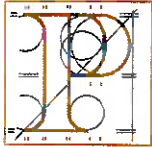
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Large-scale Residential Development Appeal Observation

Online Reference
LRD-OBS-006185

Online Observation Details

Contact Name
Alison Fallon

Lodgement Date
10/10/2023 16:46:56

Case Number / Description ^{KA}
Bus Connect - Shankill / Woodbank ^{ABP-517780-23}

Payment Details

Payment Method
Online Payment

Cardholder Name
Alison Fallon

Payment Amount
€50.00

Fee Refund Requisition

Please Arrange a Refund of Fee of

€ 50

Lodgement No

LDG-067693-23

Reason for Refund

Land owner

Documents Returned to Observer

Yes No

Request Emailed to Senior Executive Officer for Approval

Yes No

Signed

Lauren Griffin
EO

Date

17/10/23

Finance Section

Payment Reference

[Redacted]

Checked Against Fee Income Online

[Redacted]

EO/AA (Accounts Section)

Amount

€

Refund Date

[Redacted]

Authorised By (1)

[Redacted]

SEO (Finance)

Authorised By (2)

[Redacted]

Chief Officer/Director of Corporate Affairs/SAO/Board Member

Date

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Date

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An Bord Pleanála
Strategic Infrastructure Division
64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1
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*Submitted online **and by hand** by 44 Woodbank, Shankill, Dublin 18*

Subject: Objection to the Order & Bus Connects Plans for Bray to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme

10th October 2023

Dear Members of An Bord Pleanála,

Please find below our formal objection to the proposed Compulsory Purchase Order for Woodbank, Shankill and Bus Connect plans for the broader Shankill area.

While we understood there is a need for transport solutions, these should be sustainable, appropriate and considerate of other environmental, social, wellbeing and community impacts. The proposals for Bus Connect will negatively impact on all these elements for the residents of Woodbank and the wider Shankill community and appear to be a contravention of Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (Article 37 Environmental protection). Notable objections include:

- The proposal is totally inappropriate in terms of scale for Shankill which has a small village and is not an urban centre.
- The proposal will result in a material detrimental impact and negative change to the community, which is currently a sleepier suburban small village centre. The large size of the road becoming the dominant characteristic resulting in the current character being irrevocably and negatively changed.
- Negative environmental impact, loss of trees/greenery, increased noise, more pollution, less character impacting the natural environment, natural habitat for birds, nests, bats and associated impact on wellbeing for residents.
- Two local primary schools directly impacted; most students walk to school, but the plans will make school commutes by foot more dangerous for the young students.
- The plans completely ignore the monumental shift in work and learning patterns which are now hybrid for the foreseeable future.
- Doesn't seek to consider or utilise alternative solutions of use of the neighbouring motorway road for more directly commute options from Bray, avoiding village centres and trying to remove heavy vehicles from these settings. In fact this detail of plans underway to introduce a bus corridor on the M11 route is completely undisclosed and is clearly a material fact for these alternative plans. Withholding or not designing plans with consideration for this fact is gross misleading and flawed.
- It completely ignores trying to support maintaining the integrity of the impacted area, applying a solution suited to an urban main artery route onto a small village environment.
- Directly impacts the Woodbank estate through loss of land and trees where are children (Leya and Esme play), reducing the green space available to them.

- Solutions should be tailored to the environment and not apply a one size fits all approach. Bus stop bays along the road through Shankill would support free flow of traffic preventing back ups when buses are stopped.

In light of these serious concerns, we urge An Bord Pleanála to reject the proposed Bus Connects plans for Shankill. I strongly believe that a more sustainable and community-oriented approach is necessary to protect our rights and wellbeing as residents. We ask that a comprehensive study to assess the current and future needs of Shankill, engaging with residents, businesses and local stakeholders, and exploring alternative transportation solutions, such as the currently planned M11 bus corridors, plans that prioritise sustainability and community well-being.

Also enclosed is an objection raised by our daughter Leya (8) who together with her friends are really upset at the thought of their home losing the green space they play in daily.

Yours sincerely,

**Alison and Mark Fallon
and our daughters, Leya Fallon (8) and Esme Fallon (3)**