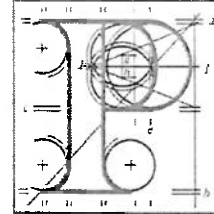


Our Case Number: ABP-317780-23



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Jane & John Deehan
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Date: 12 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- (ii) all objections made are subsequently withdrawn, or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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REF: BRAY SCHEME No 317742 (Bray to City Centre Bus Corridor)

Dear sir/madam,

Please see below our list of observations with regard to the proposed bus corridor. We are totally against this proposal.

- The current bus service is very good with no major delays
- Shankill Village would still pose as a bottleneck and 4 lane traffic either side of the village will just speed buses into the bottleneck
- Route Selection was made in 2017. Major changes have happened since then including decision on bus lanes on N-M11. There is also a new DART station planned in Woodbrook. Hybrid working, post pandemic, would impact predicted commuter figures. Has the data been re-examined?
- Route option 2A, a dedicated bus corridor parallel to M11 makes the most sense and also avoids big impact to suburban environment – Tree lines, hedgerows, stone walls and mature trees
- Express bus services on the N/M11 using the bus lanes makes total sense
- The Selected route will cause major social disruption and strip the neighbourhood of many trees
- The majority of population growth in Bray / DLRCOCO is west of the M50
- The proposed 4 lane traffic on the Dublin road will create additional noise, pollution and traffic in a residential area.
- Many use the footpaths to walk children to local schools. 4 lanes will create traffic hazards for pedestrians.
- The proposed route will call for the removal of existing cycle lanes. This seems contrary to DLRCOCO planning efforts, as does the un-necessary cutting down of trees (ref. DLRCOCO's "Tree strategy2023-2030). In other coastal areas of DLCoCo traffic congestion is being limited with one-way systems and dedicated cycle lanes. This proposal for Shankill ignores these planning efforts, in fact, it's the opposite. Cut down the trees, destroy the biodiversity, impact the environment and remove the cycle lanes! This does not feel like progress and nobody wants it.

- Consequences of proposed plan is the loss of 420 healthy trees many over 100 years old and the loss of almost 2.5km of hedgerows over the 3.2 Km route between Loughlinstown and Wilford roundabouts. This is very upsetting for a lot of residents of Shankill who take pride in the tree-lined area, and it's many landmark trees. The proposal for the replacement trees are lacking and would take years to replace what will be lost.
- Loss of the visual barrier as a result of the removal of a portion of woodland between M11 and R837 near Loughlinstown roundabout will expose residents to noise and pollution from 8 lanes of traffic. For a suburban location this is not acceptable, especially when an obvious solution of using the existing m/n11 bus routes exists.

"Shankill should not become a bus lane for Bray commuters!"

Your Sincerely,
Jane & John Deehan