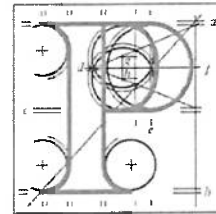


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**An  
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**Date:** 11 October 2023

**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(ii) all objections made are subsequently withdrawn, or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](mailto: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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### Objection to Planning Application

Planning Application Reference:  
Address: Bray to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to you to strongly object to the above planning application and CPO and raise some serious concerns around its stated objectives being met and its impact on Shankill, our estate, our House and quality of life.

Here we believe are several reasons why this planning application should be rejected. The most important consideration and challenge for this level of public (my) money spend must be 'the need' for the proposed scheme – this is laid out in the NTA application and CPO documentation and it fails any test even from the first paragraph.

#### NTA - Need for the Proposed Scheme

- "Sustainable transport infrastructure assists in creating more sustainable communities and healthier places to live and work while also stimulating our economic development and contributes to enhanced health and well-being when delivered effectively."
- **This is clearly not the case – how can our village of Shankill be a healthier place when the project is removing 420 Trees – rather than throw away buzz words like 'creating sustainable communities', village life and communities like Shankill are perfect examples of embracing and creating sustainability – we certainly don't need or want 4 lanes of traffic to create sustainability!**
- "Private car dependence has resulted in significant congestion in the Greater Dublin Area (GDA) that has impacted on quality of life, the urban environment, and road safety."
- **Not in Shankill it hasn't – quality of life and urban environment is maximised with village life and congestion is very rare and only during very short periods of the day**
- "Without intervention, traffic congestion will lead to longer and less reliable bus journeys throughout the region and will affect the quality of people's lives."
- **This is not accurate – saving what is argued as 5 mins of travel time has a negligent impact on the quality of peoples lives and irrelevant compared to the peace and tranquillity that comes with village life**
- "Ensure that the public realm is carefully considered in the design and development of transport infrastructure and seek to enhance key urban focal points where appropriate and feasible."
- This statement fails at every level. Evidently nothing has been carefully considered in this design and no evidence provided that enhances urban focal points – we have tree lined e lane approaches to our village of Shankill, to be replaced with ugly walls and 4 lanes plus cycle lanes which will destroy the whole aesthetic of our neighbourhood.

So in our view, the planning application doesn't satisfy the objectives of the scheme. What's also not clear in any communication is how residents or commuters have been consulted and asked whether they would spend €2b on a 5-6min journey saving that destroys the environment – what

percentage of stakeholder public have actually voted positively for this project? It certainly doesn't look like this project is compliant with the Aarhus Convention.

The N11 was created to take traffic away from Villages like Shankill – this project contravenes a by-pass strategy by encouraging extra traffic in creating four lanes.

We attended a residents public meeting recently where a number of excellent objections were raised, no doubt many of which will be detailed in the planning observations. The one which resonated best with us was articulated by our Tidy Towns Group. This group was established to provide purpose and positive mental health to a whole cohort of our community. They have proudly maintained our paths and hedgerows winning several awards. This group will be disbanded and redundant if this project is passed and allowed to destroy our Village.

In summary, we don't believe the current plans represent the will of the people and they certainly don't stand the test which the NTA set out themselves as objectives. We would urge you to reject this plan and instruct the NTA to reevaluate the need for the scheme in this area.

Thank you for reading and considering our observation.

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