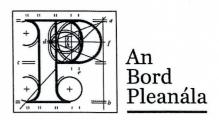
Our Case Number: ABP-317780-23
Your Reference: MCL Estates Ltd



Gartlan Furey Solicitors 20 Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin 2

Date: 28 September 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 letter of 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(ii) all objections made are subsequently withdrawn, or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.

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 on this matter in due course.

If you have any queries in the meantime please contact the undersigned officer of the Board at <a href="mailto:laps@pleanala.ie">laps@pleanala.ie</a> Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Caulfield Executive Officer

Direct Line: 01-8737287

CH02

## Sarah Caulfield

From:

Sarah Caulfield

Sent:

Wednesday 27 September 2023 10:24

To:

Rachel.ONeill@GartlanFurey.ie

Cc:

Klaudia Wiezowska

Subject:

RE: Bray to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme / First Stop, Eveready Centre,

Donnybrook Rd, Dublin 4 [GF-DOCS.FID182533]

### Dear Rachel,

The Board acknowledges receipt of your email and attached objection on behalf of your client MCL Estates Ltd.

Kind Regards, Sarah

From: Rachel O'Neill < Rachel. ONeill@GartlanFurey.ie >

Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 4:05 PM

To: SIDS < sids@pleanala.ie >; Appeals2 < appeals@pleanala.ie >

Cc: Susan Fenton < susan.fenton@gartlanfurey.ie >

Subject: Bray to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme / First Stop, Eveready Centre, Donnybrook Rd, Dublin 4 [GF-

DOCS.FID182533]

## Sent on behalf of Susan Fenton

CPO Refs: 1015(1).1c, 1015(2).2c, 1016(1).1c, 1016(1).1c and 1016(2).2c(T)

Please see attached (hardcopy to follow by post).

Regards,

Rachel O'Neill | Team Administrator

Gartlan Furey LLP | 20 Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin, D02 FP64 | Dx51 T: + 353 1 7998000 | F: + 353 1 7998001 | DDI: +353 1 7998041

#### **Cyber Crime Alert**

Emails can be scammed. Please do not rely on email notification of bank account changes or instruction to transfer monies without direct verbal confirmation from a trusted source.

#### Disclaimer

The information contained in this e-mail and in any files transmitted with it is confidential and may be subject to legal professional privilege. This e-mail, the information therein and any attachments are solely for the attention and use of the intended recipient(s). If you are not an intended recipient of this e-mail, you must not use, disclose, copy, distribute or retain this message in full or in part.

It is possible for data transmitted by e-mail to be deliberately or accidentally corrupted or intercepted. For this reason where the communication is by e-mail Gartlan Furey LLP does not accept any responsibility for any breach of confidence that may arise through the use of this medium.

If you have received this e-mail in error, please notify us immediately and delete all copies of this email and any attachments from your I.T. system(s).

# GARTLAN FUREY LLP

SOLICITORS

Date: Our Ref. 26 September 2023 SF/RON/FAR004/0006

EMAIL: sids@pleanala.ie

appeals@pleanala.ie

An Bord Pleanála 64, Marlborough Street

Dublin 1.

AN BORD PLEANÁLA

20 Fitzwilliam Square Dublin, D02 FP64 DX51

T +353 1 799 8000

F +353 1 799 8001

W www.gartlanfurey.ie

**Scheme Details:** 

Bray to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme

**Our Client:** 

Sir Thomas Farmer C/O Colin McLachlan, MCL Estates Ltd, Maidencraig House, 192

Queensferry Rd, Edinburgh, EH4 2BN

Property:

First Stop, Eveready Centre, Donnybrook Rd, Dublin 4, D04 CV08

**CPO Refs:** 

1015(1).1c, 1015(2).2c, 1016(1).1c, 1016(1).1c and 1016(2).2c(T)

Dear Sirs,

We act on behalf of the above property owner who has been served with notice of the making of the above Compulsory Purchase Order. Having reviewed the drawings and documentation accompanying same, we have been instructed to object to the confirmation of the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) and Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) on the following grounds:

# 1. Surplus Land Acquisition/Temporary and Permanent Areas

The acquisition of the temporary and permanent areas in this case will destroy the value of the owner's premises. If the permanent areas all need to be acquired, then the premises can no longer function under its existing use. In relation to the temporary plot, it would appear to be very poorly thought out because the temporary plot goes right up to the frontage of the building. If this is all needed, then the premises will be closed down by the temporary compulsory acquisition. It is clear that the existing car parking spaces at the public road side are being removed as part of the acquisition the remaining area right in to the frontage of the building. It is important to note that the property is blighted by the CPO. The occupier no longer has any certainty re. the future of the business in the premises.

#### Drainage

The property owners are concerned in relation to the drainage implications associated with the works on the public road, in that they may negatively impact their retained property and parking areas.

### Noise

Inadequate information has been provided regarding the mitigation measures that are being proposed to control increased noise pollution from the intensive bus corridor.

4365833.1

Dermot Furey | Orla Higgins | Peter Brennan | Nora Lillis | Paul McDonnell | Juliana Mullin | David Sheehan

Brian A. Gartlan - Chairman | Stephen C. Hamilton - Of Counsel | Paula Fallon - Consultant | Susan Fenton - Consultant | Emer Shields - Consultant | Patrick White - Consultant Lorna Carberry | Niamh Carragher | Sarah Cox | Emmet Folen | Rebekah McGrane | Andrew McMackin | Jennifer Morrow | Sile O'Hanrahan |

Dylan Walsh | Rosie Walshe



# 4. Access - General

The acquisition of the excessive temporary area in front of the main building is most likely completely unnecessary. By proceeding with the temporary acquisition plot as indicated, it is clear that the building will be unable to facilitate the existing use. There will be no viable use of any sort for the premises given the extent of the temporary plot. There is no certainty as to when construction will take place which means the property is blighted for an indefinite time period. The temporary plot completely removes the access.

### 5. Route Selection and Design

It would appear that the route has been designed with an excessive acquisition area that is unnecessary and therefore the design is flawed.

## 6. Boundary Treatment

There is no detail in relation to the boundary treatment either temporary or permanent.

### 7. Environmental Impacts

There is a lack of clarity around what the total environmental impact will be of the Bus Connect Scheme including the environmental impact and upfront carbon footprint for the construction phase. The owners have a concern in relation to the design of the scheme and the route that has been chosen.

### 8. Footpaths/Cycle Paths

There is a lack of clarity in relation to the impact of the scheme on footpaths and cycle paths.

#### 9. Other Matters

Such other relevant matters that may arise when more detailed design information is made available and the owners reserves the right to raise and deal with these matters at an Oral Hearing.

The information supplied by the Acquiring Authority is incomplete and may change. We reserve the right to include other grounds of objection and to elaborate on the above listed grounds of objection when further information is made available to us by the Acquiring Authority and to tender these at the An Bord Pleanála Hearing. We request that an Oral Hearing be held in relation to the scheme.

Yours faithfully

GARTLAN FUREY LLP