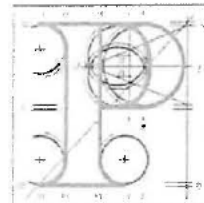


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**An
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Date: 24 July 2024

Re: BusConnects Bray to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme
Bray to Dublin City Centre.

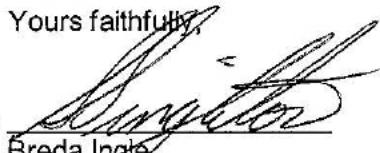
Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent correspondence in relation to the above mentioned case. The Board will take into consideration the points made in your submission.

If you have any queries in relation to the 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,

Please see attached my submission for Case No 317742 for your attention.

In the letter received on 17th June from you it stated I could make a submission free of charge. When I tried submitting via your website portal it was charging me.

Please confirm receipt of this email.

Yours sincerely,
Ruth Kennedy.

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Re: Bus Connects – Bray to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme Bray to Dublin City Centre

To whom it may concern,

As per the letter received on 17th June, I am writing to you re the above proposed road development application from Bus Connects Case Ref 317742. I have read the submission by Bus Connects and once again object to the proposal to create an opening in our boundary wall directly onto N11.

As stated in my previous documentation, I have grown up in Shanganagh Vale and lived there over 40 years and strongly object to the provision of a pedestrian entrance to Shanganagh Vale via an opening in the existing estate boundary wall to the bus corridor on the N11. We currently have a safe exit from our estate to the N11 via pedestrian crossings at the Circle K garages which I use on a regular basis commuting to Donnybrook and the City Centre. There has been no request from residents to put an opening in the wall after being closed 19 years ago, yet Bus Connects have put this back on the agenda with absolutely no consultation with the residents of Shanganagh Vale, or those directly impacted at the front.

Bus Connects have absolutely no regard or consideration why this entry point was closed in the first instance or the impact it had previously on residents. Outlined below:

- Anti-Social Behaviour and harassment from surrounding areas of Loughlinstown and Ballybrack. This opens up our estate once again as a “rat run” from surrounding areas through Shanganagh Vale and into Kilbogget Park.
- Theft and damage to property, our windows were broken twice late at night by a gang of youths, and 2 cars set on fire one on our driveway and another also at the front of the estate both during the night.
- With gangs walking through the estate in the middle of the night, it became a nightly event of intimidation at all hours which became the norm and terrifying to experience especially for lone females. We called Cabinteely Garda Station regularly to report these incidents so many times in order to request help with the situation. They would drive through on a regular basis during the night to try to protect us from further harassment and damage.
- Increased noise from the N11 traffic.

I have already stated, while on paper access to the new Bus Connects Corridor for this estate may sound like a good thing, surely this should not be to the detriment of the security and peaceful environment of our estate and for the families living here and without serious consideration of the residents wishes on the matter. Since the construction of the current boundary wall with the full support from local counsellors at the time, there has been absolutely no crime or anti-social behaviour reported among the residents of the estate to the levels which existed prior to the wall being built. Our estate is extremely private, quiet and very safe which houses three creches and other small businesses including a private health care facility with residents in Wheelchairs. We have had lots of new families moving into our estate over the past few years and they are in full agreement with having no opening and prefer a safe environment for their children. The idea of having direct access / opening to N11 is frightening with kids out playing and on bikes surely this

would cause grave concern for the Road Safety Authority to create a direct access point to a 3-lane main road?

The changes already in place from the Construction of Cherrywood and N11 adjacent to Shanganagh Vale have brought the walking distances from Shanganagh Vale to these relocated bus stops down significantly therefore the proposal of an access point through the existing wall is in my view pointless at best and far outweighed by the risks outlined above.

The security and safety of residents and the public should be the priority when any decision is being considered for a possible re-introduction of a pedestrian entrance into Shanganagh Vale.

Observation from the Bus Connects Document:

Safety – absolutely no regard or consultation for the pedestrians whom this entry point is being created for to access a Bus. The current exit has a safe pathway via the entrance to Shanganagh Vale and access to the pedestrian crossings to Bus Stops on both sides of the N11 even with the removal of the bus stop immediately after Shanganagh Vale travelling south. This proposed entrance is on a busy main road and across our green space which was already reduced when the Bus Corridor was created. Opening up a border wall with direct access for young children playing football and on bikes to the N11 with 3 lanes of traffic. I don't think this is safe in any respect. No private estate from Donnybrook to Shankill on the N11 has an access point and opening of a boundary wall like what is being suggested. Why with the history of issues are we being subjected to this ill-conceived idea?

Security – already outlined above, this has to be taken very seriously. The impact this opening will have on our residents from a security perspective but also young children in our estate. I do not want a repeat of what I, my parents and family went through for my young son and his friends in Shanganagh Vale. It was a frightening experience, and I have no doubt issues will arise and I want to know who is responsible if this goes ahead for any damage, theft or anti-social incidents?

Bus Users – this plan is directly related to Bus Connects Scheme and not Cycling which is under DLRC remit so its incorrect this is being included in this submission.

I trust Bord Pleanala will have the safety and well-being of residents to foremost of your thoughts when considering the proposal and would urge you in the strongest possible way **NOT TO** re-introduce a pedestrian access point into the boundary wall in Shanganagh Vale.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Kennedy

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14th July 2024