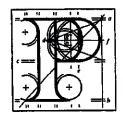
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An Bord Pleanála

Hilary Humphreys 11 Rathdown Road Phibsborough Dublin 7 D07K5T6

Date: 21 July 2023

Re: Bus Connects Blanchardstown to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme

Blanchardstown to Dublin City Centre

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

Please note that the proposed development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it with or without modifications.

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,

Eimear Reilly
Executive Officer

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Executive Office An Bord Pleanála 64, Marlborough Street Dublin DO1 V902

Dear Sir or Madam

Re Reference Number ABP-313892-22. Bus Connects Blanchardstown to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme Blanchardstown to Dublin City Centre

I wish to make a submission on my own behalf regarding the above proposal, following a letter from Eimear Reilly on the 8th June last after recent correspondence.

Recent developments to reduce dependency on motorised traffic through facilitating cycling and walking, and improvements in public transport, especially the Luas locally but also including bus lanes, are to be welcomed. These have resulted in my reduced dependency on using a car to get around. I also support efforts to lower the number of motorised vehicles in built-up areas, but unintended consequences can result in serious difficulties for local residents, who contribute to the city's vibrancy, when they have no alternative to using private cars for some journeys.

Certain aspects of the proposed developments will have a disproportionate impact on key journeys and may exacerbate existing road congestion on both the North Circular Road (NCR) and the Cabra Road. These include banning traffic taking a right hand turn from Monck Place onto Phibsborough Road when heading southwards to the river and quays. It is also proposed to prevent access from Charleville Road onto the NCR.

The proposed alternative to these proposals is to change the nature of the St. Peter's Church junction, allowing a new right-hand turn from the Cabra Road on to the NCR. This is a very tight angle even for cars, never mind trucks and lorries. This change will lead to delays and even accidents. The proposed changes will drive more traffic from the NCR and the Cabra Road through the crossroads in Phibsborough. This junction and its set of lights are already a major delay for all traffic, including public transport. Buses are also affected heading in to and away from the city with long delays throughout the day and not just at rush hours.

Yours sincerely

Mr Hilary Humphreys

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