

**From : Ailesbury Road Resident's Association,  
Riognach Ni Chinneide,  
Hon Secretary Ailesbury Road Resident's Association  
11 Ailesbury Road,  
Ballsbridge,  
D4  
D04C623**

**Re: Bus Connects Observation July 2022**

We would like to make an Observation regarding the Bus Connects Planning Application concerning Ailesbury Road.

As a general statement, we are very much in favour of increasing the availability, frequency, capacity and ease of use of public transport in the local area. This objective should be pursued whilst ensuring that there is no significant detriment to safety on local roads.

We would like to draw your attention to 2 key points in this regard:

**1) The Ailesbury Road Junction onto Merrion Road.**

We note that the left hand turn filter lane has been removed from the plans. We are concerned this will lead to an increased build up of traffic on Ailesbury Road. This will have a negative impact on traffic flow, increase congestion on the road, reduce the amenity / access to residents and potentially cause increased damage to the environment. Today, this is already a very busy junction and with a Junior and senior school on the corner of this junction it is particularly busy at high volume commuter points of the day - i.e. very busy in the mornings and afternoons. It is imperative that the safety of all students, those who walk, come by bus or dart are taken into account. As it is a junior school the majority of younger children are dropped and collected by parents or guardians in cars and traffic can get repeatedly very congested at this end of the road.

**2) There is restricted access onto Shrewsbury Road from 7-10am**

There is also restricted access from Ailesbury Road onto Shrewsbury Road from 7-10am which means all traffic is forced to proceed to this already heavily congested junction to access the Merrion Road. This exacerbates the issue of congestion, idling traffic, lack of residential access and further amplifies the negative impact on the environment as well as the safety of those trying to use this junction by car/ bus/ walking or cycling.

**Observation:**

We would ask you to reconsider leaving the filter left lane at this Junction so access onto Merrion Road can flow more easily and ensure that there is a good sequence of lights changing so that Ailesbury Road has a managed build up of traffic entering this junction. We would also ask you to consider removing the restricted access from Ailesbury Road onto Shrewsbury Road

to allow an easy flow of traffic onto the Merrion Road and alleviate the significant traffic congestion that will result from this.

Photos attached below:



