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Re: BusConnects Belfield/Blackrock to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme
Co. Dublin

Dear Sir,

An Bord Pleanála has received your submission in relation to the case mentioned above and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

Please be advised that copies of all submissions / observations received in relation to the application will be made available for public inspection at the offices of An Bord Pleanála when they have been processed by the Board.

For further information on this case please access our website at www.pleanala.ie and input the 6-digit case number into the search box. This number is shown on the top of this letter (for example: 303000).

Yours faithfully,



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Observation on Bus Connect Bus Corridor on Nutley Lane Case Number 313509

Dear Sir/Madam,

Whereas I understand the desirability of:

- (a) 'Getting cars off the road'
- (b) 'Getting commuters to use public transport'
- (c) Creating a safer environment for pedestrians and cyclists
- (d) Reducing carbon emissions

and understand that there are limited options in connecting the Stillorgan Road corridor to the Merrion Road corridor,

I object to the fundamental thinking behind the current proposal of transforming Nutley Lane into an eight lane (2 traffic lanes, 2 bus lanes, 2 cycle lanes and 2 pedestrian lanes) **highway**.

The present proposal to ferry the UCD population (which is estimated to rise to 60,000 in the future) to the lower corridor of Merrion Road is utilising what will soon become outdated transport modality, i.e. **the Bus**.

By the time this will be delivered upon **driverless trams** will be the option of choice for the purposes of connecting one corridor to another. The terminus for this could be in the Belfield campus or on a refortified, enlarged bridge entering the main entrance into the Belfield campus. This option would:

- (a) Enhance the Nutley Lane environment
- (b) Reduce noise levels for residents
- (c) Improve the safety for pedestrians, cyclists and car users

Call it futuristic or what but this is the sort of option that people entrusted with the future of our transport system should be considering.

It seems to me that there is no **'joined up thinking'** between Transport for Ireland (TFI) and Bus Connect. The Bus Connect team have been entrusted with creating a plan utilising the medium of buses, but buses are a crude option. Buses are superior to the car, but are a long way short in efficiency compared to the tram. What other options have been considered? Is this the best option?

Whatever option is decided upon it is essential that 'Quiet Treatment' surfaces be used for all road surfaces in this project.

Yours faithfully,

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