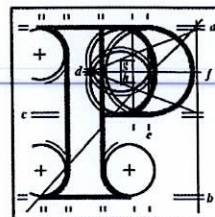


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**An
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James Deane
8 Willsbrook Crescent
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Date: 13 July 2022

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

Dear Sir,

An Bord Pleanála has received your observation or 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 the Local Authority and 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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James Deane,
8 Willsbrook Crescent,
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Dear Sirs/Madame

I am writing to object to the proposed changes to be made to Haddington Road and Upper Baggot street as part of the bus connects programme.

Dublin 4 is losing many of its small local businesses as people are pushed either into town or out to shopping centres in the suburbs. Twenty years ago, there were many small garages like our own who operated in the lanes around the south of the city but they have all been forced out of business in part due to changes in traffic patterns around the city. The loss of these local businesses is to the detriment of the local area and the local residents whom they served.

Dublin 4 has become particularly difficult to access by car from other parts of the city due to the changes imposed in the city centre during the covid lockdowns. Where previously businesses might have had a customer base who would travel across the city for our service like ours, it is now too awkward for them to travel, and they look for another business which is more accessible. If the proposed changes are brought in, this will further damage the accessibility of our business and will choke the area even further with traffic particularly on match days in the Aviva stadium. The proposed changes will make it more difficult for small local businesses to operate and all for the sake of ensuring that buses can bypass our area and to speed up their journey into town.

I cannot understand how a bus corridor from Bellfield Blackrock will enhance the public transport infrastructure when there is a perfectly good DART system in place already doing the same job. Furthermore, would it not make sense that the bus route would follow the existing route on Northumberland Road which does not have businesses trying to earn a living? The proposal of the bus corridor on Bagot Street will have an extremely negative impact on its small businesses and residents from the roads around Baggot St. Traffic will be reliant much more on Waterloo Road, which is already heavily congested, and by removing what limited parking there already is the residents and visitors will find it increasingly difficult to park.

The local businesses require constant access for deliveries. Removing the loading and parking facilities and putting them on Wellington Road and Eastmoreland place, and Waterloo Road just doesn't make any sense at all. Removing these facilities only increases the number of delivery vehicles into primarily residential areas. It also makes it more difficult for the delivery drivers to deliver the goods to the businesses on Baggot St.

The proposed bus corridor will ruin the beautiful Victorian and Georgian streetscape that currently exists. It will divert all the busses from an established, efficient bus route along Northumberland Road and across Mount Street bridge into town. It will unnecessarily damage existing businesses on Baggot St, whereas the current route along Northumberland Road and Mount St have far fewer business that will experience the impact of this proposed route.

I wish to object in the strongest possible terms. Whilst changes should be made to support better public transport options, it should not be to the detriment of the local areas and residents who will suffer as a result in the name of "progress".

Yours Sincelery,

James Deane.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'JD' with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.