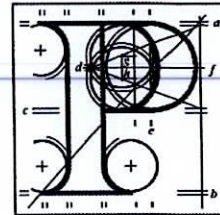


Our Case Number: ABP-313509-22

Planning Authority Reference Number:



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Geraldine Dunne
18 Colthurst Close
Lucan

Date: 13 July 2022

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

Dear Madam,

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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Executive Officer
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July 10, 2022

An Bord Planeala

I wish to make strong objections to the Bus Corridor - Baggot Street - for many reasons, but in no particular order:

1. It would have a detrimental effect on deliveries to our business on Upper Baggot St. Supplies such as drums of perc (perchloroethylene) are delivered in large drums, as are large drums removed with waste. Also on cardboard boxes which arrive on pallets.
2. On-street loading and parking are vital to the survival of this area. Removal of loading bay and parking would cripple business.
3. Elderly people would be affected in crossing the road to the P.O. or pharmacy, etc. as would those in wheelchairs or parents with young children.
4. Buses are empty at the moment. Already, there are more bus routes than are required for Baggot St.
5. Buses should go straight along Northumberland Road/Mount St. rather than be diverted thru Baggot St. Village, ruining the Georgian Streetscape, along with the business and community of Pembroke Road and Baggot St.
6. Our customers travel to us from all over Dublin and other counties. Proposal to stop traffic from turning right onto Upper Baggot St. from Mespil will prove harmful to business. We currently give employment to 15/17 people. These jobs will be severely affected with a Bus Corridor. They travel from Clondalkin, Lucan and Leixlip to Baggot St.
7. To restrict Haddington Road to one lane at the Baggot St. junction will lead to harmful congestion.
8. Baggot St. Bridge is narrow, humped and not suitable for 100 buses an hour driving over it. Mount St. Bridge is large, flat and suited to traffic.
9. We observe that businesses across the street serve as a place to stop for private and commercial vehicles - these include Garda cars, ambulances and emergency services. This has always been the case, despite the yellow lines.
10. To change the footpaths would further damage the ability of businesses to operate and people to access the area. In total, on Upper Baggot St. are two Supermarkets, two Pharmacies, Hardware Shop, Post Office, Wine Shop, Beauty Salon, two Banks, Dry Cleaners, Dentist, Florist, three Pubs, Newsagent, Gents Clothing, Hairdressers, etc.
11. Sending buses up Pembroke Road, cutting off car access from Ballsbridge/Jurys end and Baggot St. would cripple the business community in Baggot St.

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