

Daniel J Hoey 12 Upper Baggot Street Dublin 4

Date: 18 July 2022

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,

Executive Officer

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I would like to make a very strong opposition to the Bus Corridor on Baggot Street.

- 1. On-street loading and parking have been vital to the survival of the area, and the removal of loading bay and parking would cripple business.
- 2. The proposal to stop traffic turning right from Mespil Rd. onto Upper Baggot St. would be harmful to business.
- 3. Baggot St. Bridge is narrow and humped. Not suitable for 100 buses an hour crossing over it.
- 4. Turning a Georgian and Victorian streetscape into a Bus Corridor would harm the visual amenity and character of the area.
- 5. Aircoach uses Donnybrook/N11 and Mount St./Northumberland route. They obviously know that it's the correct route for town, and the fastest route; not the Baggot St. community area.
- 6. Cycle lanes on Haddington Road make no sense when they are already in place along the canal.
- 7. Removal of parking would destroy business.
- Removal of loading bay would also destroy business.
- 9. Traffic on Merrion Road proceeds straight towards Mount St. Bridge. This is the logical and straightforward route, not deserting village character of Baggot Street.
- 10. Cutting off access from Eastmoreland Place/St. Mary's Road onto Baggot St. further divides community.
- 11. Restricting Haddington Road to one lane at the junction of Baggot St. would inevitably lead to harmful congestion.
- 12. Businesses located at Nos. 3 to 19 Upper Baggot St. serve as a place to stop for both private and commercial vehicles, along with Garda cars, ambulances and emergency service vehicles. Despite the yellow lines, this has always been the situation.
- 13. To change the footpaths would further damage the ability of the businesses to operate, and people to access the area young children, mothers with prams, the elderly and those in wheel chairs.
- 14. A Bus Corridor running parallel to the DART along Merrion Road from Blackrock makes no sense. It is already served by DART.

Thank you.

Daniel J. Hoey