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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 recent submission in relation to the above-mentioned proposed road development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. A receipt for the fee lodged is enclosed.

Please note that the proposed road development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it or approved it with modifications.

The Board has also received an application for confirmation of a compulsory purchase order which relates to this proposed road development. The Board has absolute discretion to hold an oral hearing in respect of any application before it, in accordance with section 218 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Accordingly, the Board will inform you in due course on this matter. The Board shall also make a decision on both applications at the same time.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

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I would like to register my opposition to the proposed Transport Plan for Baggot Street, Pembroke Road and adjoining roads on the following five grounds:

- 1. Cutting off Baggot Street from pull in parking will impede the ability of local businesses to operate. This will inevitably lead to loss of business and subsequent closures of businesses. These businesses currently serve residents in the area on a daily basis. This will quickly lead to the demise of a thriving village which serves our community.
- 2. The introduction of cycle lanes next to our footpaths will impede our ability to park outside our houses and to safely access them. The introduction of buses passing up and down Pembroke Road on a three minute schedule will destroy our community and leave us corralled in on each side by a bus corridor. This destroys our right to enjoy our homes on a daily basis.

- 3. Baggot Street, Pembroke, Wellington and Raglan Roads constitute an invaluable historical part of Georgian Dublin. The introduction of the proposed transport plan will destroy irreversibly this historical part of Dublin. It should be preserved and not destroyed.
- 4. We need proposals to decrease traffic of all kinds in order to make it a safe residential and shopping area for the residents. There is a golden opportunity to develop Baggot Street into a safe and enhanced village which serves our community. The present proposals serve to destroy our neighbourhood, while two existing routes to the city already exist threough Donnybrook and Northumberland Road.
- 5. Parking and access to our area designed to serve residents. The present proposals will greatly impede access to our houses. It beggers belief that this plan will result in destroying our neighbourhood. It is a mark of tremendous lack of vision when we should be aiming to reduce the carbon footprint in our city.

Yours sincerely,

Damian McGrath