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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 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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11th July 2022

To whom it may concern,

BusConnects Dublin - Belfield / Blackrock to City Centre

I am writing in relation to the BusConnect and the National Transport Agency's application to you with respect to the Belfield / Blackrock to City Centre route of BusConnect.

I would like to raise my concerns in respect to the proposed changes on Upper Baggot Street including the inclusion of Bus Gate at the junction of Baggot Street Upper and Waterloo Road and the associated Turn Bans and removal of parking spaces.

The point of concern I would like to raise are as follows:

- I believe the proposed changes will have extremely detrimental impact on the commercial
 units on Baggot Street a number of which rely on the traffic that passes through this junction
 and on the associated parking that is in place. The vast majority of the units are also small
 family owned Irish businesses which I believe should be protected.
- The proposed bus gate will cut off all traffic coming from Pembroke Road direction to these units and will force them to either park further away from the units or to drive a circuitous route (either via Donnybrook and down Waterloo road or via Haddington Raod) to avail of the services in question. I believe this will cause a number of people to stop availing of the services in question.
- The units currently do not have any off street parking in the vicinity and are serviced by a minimal amount of on street parking spaces and the removal of any spaces would further negatively impact the ability of customers to utilise these units especially the units where customers need to carry larger items to and from the units.

Yours faithfully

Pierce O'Leary