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Date: 18 July 2022

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

Dear Madam,

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,

Sarah Caulfield
Executive Officer
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An Bord Pleanala,(Strategic Infrastructure Division),
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11TH;July 2022.

Re:Bus Connects Core Corridors and Belfield/Blackrock to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme.

Dear Bus Connects Team.

Should like to raise concerns re the above project going through Pemboke Road and up through Baggot Street and on to Merrion Square. This is a very residential area and the retail outlets serve their community. There are some that need to be brought to medical appointments, as in doctor, dentist optician, audiologist, due to their immobility issues. These vehicles need to be able to stop outside retail units to gain access to them.

The proposal totally ignores that we are here, serving the local community and beyond.

Now an alternative route via Northumberland Road, makes wiser planning and far more cost effective.

You have a direct route to Merrion Square, wider road, with no retail outlets, and the faster method to reach the city since 1916.

This would also be environmentally friendly, without the need to destroy the plant life and much of the culture of Georgian Dubin.

I enclose my 50 euro fee.

Many thanks! Vivienne Starr.

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BusConnects Dublin Core Bus Corridor Status Update

From : BusConnects Core Bus Corridors
<noreply@busconnects.ie>

Thu, 12 May, 2022 16:14

Subject : BusConnects Dublin Core Bus Corridor Status Update

To : vcstarropticians@eircom.net

Reply To : noreply@busconnects.ie

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Dear Community Forum Member,

Please note, this is a no-reply email address. Please feel free to email queries to cbc@busconnects.ie

We are emailing you to provide a status update in relation to the Core Bus Corridors.

This week, the National Transport Authority (NTA) gave notice of its application under Section 51(2) of the Roads Act 1993 (as amended) to An Bord Pleanála for approval in relation to a proposed road development consisting of the construction of the **Belfield/Blackrock to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme**.

The Proposed Scheme consists of two sections namely:

- The University College Dublin (UCD) Ballsbridge to City Centre Section (previously UCD Ballsbridge to City Centre Core Bus Corridor); and
- The Blackrock to Merrion Section (previously Blackrock to Merrion Core Bus Corridor).

During the non-statutory public consultations and the route selection process (up to the choice of the Preferred Route Option), these two sections had been considered separately. These sections have now been combined as the Proposed Scheme. The principal reasons for combining the University College Dublin (UCD) Ballsbridge to City Centre and the Blackrock to Merrion Sections into the Proposed Scheme include their geographical association and functional interdependence and the fact that the Blackrock to Merrion Section joins the UCD Ballsbridge to City Centre Section at the junction of Nutley Lane and the Merrion Road and shares the remaining section of the route from that junction to the City Centre.

For information, a small number of changes have been made to this scheme following consideration of the submissions received during the third round of public consultation (at the end of 2020) and these are summarised below.

- The Scheme is extended to include signalised junction of Nutley Lane and R138 Stillorgan Road;
- A proposed 'cul-de-sac' at George's Avenue (south) to motorised vehicles, allowing only authorised vehicles (such as emergency and refuse vehicles) to pass through;

- The introduction of a new accessible ramp from the McCartney (Baggot) Bridge footpath to the existing walkway alongside the Grand Canal;
- Offline traffic management strategy prepared to offset diversions due to online measures;
- A number of Junction, Crossing and Parking Modifications including additional disabled spaces; Layouts of all bus stops enhanced and some bus stop locations and layouts have been optimised to allow better connectivity for bus passengers;
- Landscaping updated throughout; and
- Cycle facilities optimised throughout including improvements to tie-ins on side roads.

A copy of the application documentation may be viewed and downloaded free of charge at: www.belfieldblackrockscheme.ie. Please note all previous documents regarding BusConnects are still available on www.busconnects.ie

Submissions/observations may be made in writing to the **Board at An Bord Pleanála (Strategic Infrastructure Division), 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902** between Tuesday 17th May and Tuesday 12th July 2022.

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 and must be received by the Board not later than **5.30 p.m. on the 12th July 2022**. This fee will not apply to certain prescribed bodies including those specified in Section 51(3)(b) of the Roads Act 1993 (as amended) or to landowners and others with a legal interest in land who are objecting to compulsory acquisition of land in which they have such an interest in a compulsory acquisition case.

Submissions/observations can also be made on the An Bord Pleanála website at the following address: <https://online.pleanala.ie/en-ie/sid/observation>.

It is our intention to submit the schemes on a phased basis with the next four schemes likely to be submitted in the order shown below:

- Blanchardstown to City Centre CBC Scheme;
- Liffey Valley to City Centre CBC Scheme;
- Ballymun/Finglas to City Centre CBC Scheme;
- Ringsend to City Centre CBC Scheme.

As each scheme is submitted for approval to An Bord Pleanála the process of public notifications in newspapers and online will be repeated. After these first six scheme applications are made, the remaining six projects are likely to be submitted to An Bord Pleanála during the second half of this year.

Yours Sincerely,

BusConnects Team

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