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Dublin 4

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 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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**Submission to An Bord Pleanála regarding the Belfield/Blackrock to City Centre BusConnects Core
Bus Corridor**

Case No: 313509

I am writing to protest at the proposed bus corridor along Pembroke Road in Ballsbridge. This is a residential road with currently 3-4 buses (No.18) every hour. Under the proposed plan this road will become a bus corridor with up to 20 buses per hour. This will fundamentally change the character of the road and the neighbourhood. It is effectively vandalism. No rationale has been given as to why the Belfield bus cannot use the current bus route along Leeson St from Belfield into town, or the Northumberland Road route which is also currently a major bus route.

The plan also envisages that cars will not be permitted on Baggot St Bridge. How will drivers (and yes, car journeys will still be required) travel from the Wellington Road/Waterloo Road directions into town or to the other side of the city? They will need to take major detours, thereby increasing journey lengths with the corresponding impact on the environment. How will residents of Pembroke Rd / Wellington Rd / Raglan Rd reach their homes from the city direction? According to the plan they will need to turn right at Waterloo Road. Then where will they go? Down a lane onto Wellington Road? Or up to Leeson St to turn back onto Wellington Road? How can this possibly make sense? Has anybody done any downstream analysis of the environmental impact of displaced traffic from the proposed routes?

The plan has all the hallmarks of having been drawn up by bureaucrats who have no empathy for our neighbourhood, who have never walked the streets and marvelled at the architectural heritage. It is the responsibility of current residents to cherish this wonderful part of our city for future generations. We would be remiss in discharging our obligations to those generations by not protesting in the strongest terms at this wholly irrational and destructive plan.

Yours



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