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9 Pembroke Road
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Date: 25 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. Please note as your address and Eircode are listed on the Compulsory Purchase Order schedule, there is no associated fee required. A refund will issue to you shortly under separate cover.

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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9 Pembroke Road

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9th July 2022

RE: BusConnects Belfield/Blackrock to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme

Ref: Case reference: HA29N.313509

Dear Bórd Pleanála,

I have been enjoying living on Pembroke Road for 27 years now and hope this can continue.

I live in the first residential terrace in one of the six houses that share a mature wooded park-style garden. It is the last such green area on the route directly into St. Stephen's Green and is admired by very many passers-by who pause to look in. It is also the only remaining intact terrace on the road which shows the original design from the mid-1800s with two gateways to accommodate the old horse-drawn carriages dropping their occupants home before they were stored in the mews lane behind and the horses brought to the fields of what is now Donnybrook. It is still a great pleasure to hear the clip-clop of horses' hooves as they pass by carrying visitors and tourists who wish to re-live this old Dublin experience.

Between our terrace and Baggot St. bridge we have wonderful amenities within this short stretch which give it a village feeling. There are banks, post office, shops, hardware, print and photography shop, pharmacies, dry cleaner, beauty parlours, hair salons, barber, off licence, supermarket, deli counters, patisserie, and many cafes, restaurants and bars. It is a vibrant neighbourhood serving residents, the many transient office workers and local employees and all the visitors and fans who come to matches and concerts in Aviva stadium, the RDS and our local hotels and B&Bs.

Our many elderly residents do their daily shopping along this stretch, crossing over and back. I have noticed many new young families pushing buggies with children, walking with toddlers and children learning how to push their first scooter or cycle a bicycle. School children from the many surrounding schools frequent this space. It is a safe and pleasant place for them all.

Our local pubs and restaurants do a thriving business between them with so many residents, workers and visitors availing of their service. This is a fantastic area which could be further developed as the busy village it has become. It would certainly benefit from the old Baggot St. Hospital being developed into a residential space, while the old AIB bank offers more great potential.

The thought of this lovely road and village area being cut through with a bus corridor fills me with dread. It would be abhorrent to destroy what we now have to accommodate this proposed traffic run. It simply cannot be allowed. Instead of the current infrequent number 18 bus passing by and the 39 coming in from Waterloo Road, the proposed multi-bus route would be totally inappropriate in this area, cutting into pavements, killing its friendly and welcoming feel, endangering our elderly residents and children as well as all the visiting revellers who so enjoy our local amenities.

I was impressed how well the city altered its focus during the Covid-19 pandemic to allow wider pavements with outdoor seating for people to congregate safely. The fact that this new plan is a step backwards is very shocking.

In my opinion it is not necessary for buses, cars and bikes to all use the same constant corridor. In fact, it would be more dangerous with bus users having to cross busy bicycle paths with electric bikes and mopeds whizzing by. Why not leave the buses going up Northumberland Road onto the wide Mount Street? That stretch is very quiet with few pedestrians and no public amenities apart from the Schoolhouse Hotel which could use an entrance from its canal-side.

I understand that road engineers like straight lines but that's not necessarily what people need or enjoy. Why plough through an area of listed buildings with its mature trees and neighbourhood village in order to accommodate a fast traffic thoroughfare that is both un-fitting and un-necessary? Give people what they want and know will be best for safety, quality of life and access to amenities and services.

There are many more positive and enriching alternatives possible here. It is my firm belief that this plan needs to be re-thought, revised and improved. I trust that my thoughts and observations will be given careful consideration along with all the others you will undoubtedly receive.

I look forward to a better outcome than the current plan proposes.

Yours faithfully,



Eileen Vaughan