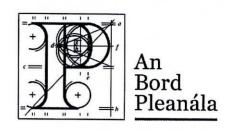
Our Case Number: ABP-314056-22



Máire Devine & Angus O Snodaigh TD Sinn Féin Constituency Office, 290 Ballyfermot Rd. Dublin 10

Date: 26 September 2022

Re: Liffey Valley to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme. Fonthill Road to High Street all in the County of Dublin.

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your observation or 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 the Local Authority and 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,

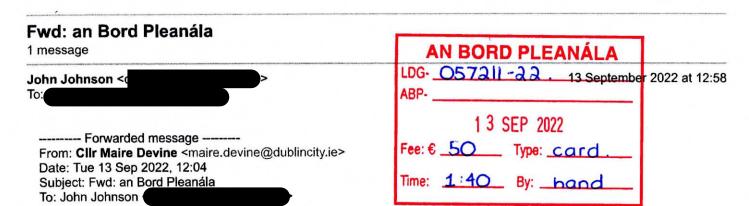
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BUS CONNECT PROPOSALS IMPACT ON Dublin 8 area –

Liffey Valley to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme. KA29N.314091

13/09/2022

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I represent the communities of Dublin 8 and am making this submission that reflects the concerns of myself and the residents with regards to the impact that the proposed BusConnect scheme will have on our area.

The community are more than willing to play their part for the public good in the attainment of the Climate Action Bill target of a reduction in emissions of 51% by 2030 and a safer and better public transport and cycling infrastructure.

However many of the proposals contradict the conditions of the planning permission granted for the National Childrens Hospital at the SJH site. (S.I.D). This is due completion in 2024 but appears to be given scant reference in this application. The NCH is and will continue to have a major impact on the entire surrounding area and forensic details of its crossover with BusConnects is essential.

I ask that you take the points below into account during your decision making on this application.

- 1. Several thousand staff/Patients/Visitors traverse the SJH campus daily. The impact on them is given minimal consideration in this planning application.
- 2. The trees at Mount Brown were to be retained(PL29N.PA0043). This application seeks to remove them.
- 3. The audit of traffic volume is inadequate as it was collated during "lockdown". It is disingenuous to provide this as a accurate reflection of traffic use.
- 4. The application fails to acknowledge that the through road at SJH is to close to traffic next year. There will be no access from Rialto to James's St- further increasing

traffic on adjacent areas.(PL29N.PA0043) SID.

5. The proposal sees one road only for access to SJH for all. This will be chaotic and endanger rapid access for "blue light" services. Added to this is the impact of no Left or Right turns at SJH campus on James's St for extended peak times - No right turn out of Ceannt Fort TOWARDS James Street / City centre for 4 hours a day from 6am-10am.No left turn out of Ceannt Fort TOWARDS Inchicore /west for 4 hours a day 4pm – 8pm

The statement in Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) Volume 2 of 4 Main Report Chapter 04, Section 4.6.4.3 Bus Gates states: "The hours of operation of the bus gates will be subject to on-going review based on prevailing traffic conditions and the goal of achieving the project objectives. The NTA and local authorities will co-operate in good faith to address any issues with the hours of operation that may arise during the lifetime of the Proposed Scheme". This statement raises real concern for residents as they believe this could revert back to the 24 hour bus gate as originally proposed.

6. In Sinn Féin's earlier submission to BUSCONNECTS we had highlighted similar concerns;

The volume of traffic exiting the hospital at peak times is huge, and forcing all traffic exiting to James's St to turn right will prove unsustainable. The frequency of the Luas halts movement of traffic and this proposed right turn only will compound the problem. Much of the exiting traffic has no interest in turning cityward when exiting, and this traffic will end up turning down Bow Lane or Echlin Street to head towards its destination to the South and West of the city. There is no reference to NCHs permission for an extra traffic Lane to accommodate volume.

- 7. There is no mention of Ceannt Fort estate that is positioned to become an Architectural Conservation Area (as per new City Development Plan) this ensures that it must be managed with "high sensitivity"
- 8. At least 35% of those attending for health care are elderly or/and disabled. They are unable to use public transport and require private transport to access the hospital Yet it is proposed to remove all but one disabled car parking space along James's & Thomas St. The provision of these spaces must be increased to facilitate access for the 35% struggling with mobility issues.

- 9. Drawing no BCIDB-JAC-GEO-GA-0007-XX-OO-DR-CR-0024 (sheet no 24 of 28) is flawed as there is no reference to a Bus Gate at SJH entrance. Bus Gate at Mount Brown is shown on sheet no 23 of 28. This is a fundamental omission and ought to render the application invalid.
- 10. Given the valid points made above, I believe an Oral Hearing is essential. I respectfully request that this be provided for.

Thanking you in advance for your time and assistance and I ask that the above genuine concerns be taken on board

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