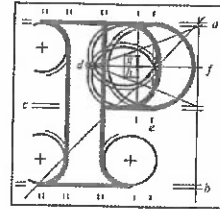


Our Case Number: ABP-314597-22



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An Taisce  
Galway Association - Planning Committee  
26 Manor Avenue  
Kingston  
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H91C98X

Date: 17 November 2022

Re: BusConnects Galway Cross-City Link Scheme.  
University Road to Dublin Road, Galway City.

Dear Sir / 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 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,

Niamh Thornton  
Executive Officer  
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## Niamh Thornton

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**From:** SIDS  
**Sent:** Monday 14 November 2022 12:28  
**To:** Niamh Thornton  
**Subject:** FW: SID # 314579 - An Taisce Submission  
**Attachments:** Galway BusConnect - SID - 314597 - An Taisce.docx

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**From:** Peter Butler <peterbutle@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** SID # 314579 - An Taisce Submission

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As discussed I am sending you (attached) the An Taisce's submission on the Galway BusConnect SID

Kind regards Peter  
Peter Butler,  
Chairperson  
Galway Planning Committee - An Taisce

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Peter Butler 085 2652486

# An Taisce

*The National Trust for Ireland  
Galway Association – Planning Committee*

An Bord Pleanála

64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1,

D01 V902

Ref: Strategic Infrastructure Development – Galway BusConnect # 314597

Dear Sir/ Madam

The Galway Planning Committee of An Taisce welcomes all efforts to bring about a modal shift away from cars to walking, cycling and the use of public transport. Our planet's survival depends on reduced carbon emissions so any efforts to bring about this modal shift is urgently needed..

While welcoming the intent of BusConnect proposal, we wish to make the following submissions:

1. In the hierarchy of sustainable travel, cycling should come before mechanised travel (public transport and private cars). This is not reflected in the BusConnect proposal in that there is only token inclusion of cycle lanes. We propose that dedicated cycle lanes be provided on all streets and roads within the boundaries of the BusConnect proposal.
2. The BusConnect proposal will lead to higher private car usage on College Road and on University Road, with consequent delays for buses. This would undermine the efforts to prioritise public transport in the city. We propose therefore that all on-street car parking be converted to bus lanes on College Road and University Road.
3. The Galway Docks should have been included in the BusConnect proposal, with on-street car parking on Dock Street/R336 from St Nicholas Street to New Dock Street being converted into an outgoing bus lane.
4. University College Galway Hospital should have been included in the BusConnect proposal, with a plan to route buses through the hospital to Seamus Quirke Road.

Yours faithfully

Peter Butler, Chairperson

An Taisce – Galway Association - Planning Committee

*Note: Please ensure that your office send out the acknowledgement to this submission (as required by Article 28(4) of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 to the following address: An Taisce – Planning Committee c/o 26 Manor Avenue, Kingston, Galway H91 C98X.*