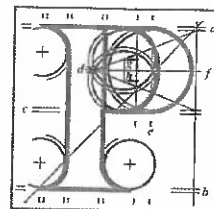


Our Case Number: ABP-314597-22



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Niall Faherty
Joe Faherty Ltd.
Paint and Wallpaper
29 Woodquay
Co. Galway

Date: 01 December 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. 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,

Niamh Thornton
Executive Officer
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18th November 2022

Niall Faherty (Owner)
Joe Faherty Ltd.
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29 Woodquay,
Galway.

An Bord Pleanála,
64 Marlborough St.,
Dublin 1.

To Whom it Concerns,

I am writing to object to the **Bus Connects Scheme in its current form from University Road to Dublin Road**. There has been no consultation with stake holders affected in the proposed scheme. My objection is based on the following points:

The Removal of 66% of the parking spaces within the Woodquay area will drastically affect my ability to conduct the day to day running of my business, and will result in possible closure. My business relies on customers ability to drive close by and bring large heavy paint cans to their cars. There is already a pressure on Parking in the Central Business District of Galway. It is evident that the more parking close by the more business that can succeed, areas with lack of parking underperform eg Domnick Street, Forster Street, there is now a void of alternative retail, and a focus on coffee culture.

Woodquay is in itself a mix of residential and retail, the removal of parking will put pressure for residents to park in a safe manner outside or near their dwellings and be forced to park a distance away. This scenario already exists in summer months to facilitate when only half

the parking was removed and shift workers and carers were forced to park in unsafe locations.

Galway City Council has through poor planning practice created a divide of Residential in the West of the city with Manufacturing in the East of the city resulting in cross city commutes. West to East have four bridges to travel on, east to west has three bridges as O'Brien's Bridge cannot be accessed, with University Road removed from this commute, the cars using it simply wont disappear, they will be forced to use the few remaining roads which are already under duress.

University of Galway now has much higher numbers of students commuting due to lack of accommodation. This has put increased pressure on the Routes at University Road, Quincentenary Bridge, Newcastle Road, Headford Road, Siobhan Mc Kenna Road. The staff numbers in UG is also on the increase further inflating the gridlock.

The closure of a road to private cars will only serve to clog up other routes in the area, peak traffic times will increase and the time stuck in traffic will also increase.

Please acknowledge safe receipt of this correspondence.

Sincerely,
Niall Faherty.
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