

**SUBMISSION TO AN BORD PLEANALA – BUS CONNECTS BLANCHARDSTOWN TO CITY
CENTRE ROUTE 5 ABP Reference No: 313892**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Navan Road Community Council (NRCC) was set up in 1968 to help bring together community groups and sporting groups so that they would have one voice when trying to get things done in the community.

We enclose our fee €50.00. Please acknowledge receipt.

My neighbours and friends have all submitted their own observations under various headings such as the removal of trees, increase in traffic in a residential area, overall safety and the augmentation of the current bus routes to name but a few so we would like to reaffirm all points outlined by the submission of the Navan Road Community Council to obviate the need to again list same in this particular submission.

In addition, we would like to concentrate on the fundamental issue which is that i believe there is no need for a new bus corridor at all.

1. The current bus routes from Blanchardstown/Castleknock and Ongar are fine as they are however, I would make the point that there are far too many stops along these routes in close proximity to each other, some barely 60 metres apart. Removing at least 30% of these stops would greatly increase the time it takes for the buses to flow in each direction and in turn more buses could be added which will carry far more people to their destination and at a far more accurate time as currently most of these buses fill up at the terminus or close to them and pass many commuters along the way. This would also cut down on the need for residents to take the car to work.

If the current bus routes are to be augmented, I would suggest that the Navan Road become one-way inbound and Blackhorse Avenue one-way outbound. This would greatly assist with the overall flow of traffic. This option is not ideal but would most certainly be fair compromise to the needless demolition of countless trees and residents front gardens, not to mention the cost saving as apart from the saving on raw materials and labour costs, it would also obviate the need to pay off residents who received compulsory purchase orders for their gardens. Local access would obviously be affected but again I opine it would be a small price to pay in order to keep our area a residential one and not a motorway.

2. The cycle lanes that are currently in place in both directions are more than adequate and we do not see the need to change them.
3. Our area is well established with many residents of a good age. The proposal to add a new corridor may add to the already growing fear that many residents share which is that they are simply too wary to attempt to cross the Navan Road for fear of a rogue motorist / cyclist attempting to break the lights to get to their intended destination that bit quicker.

Thank you for your consideration

Kind regards
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