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**Observation regarding BusConnects Blanchardstown preferred route and Charleville Road, Phibsborough, Dublin 7.**

To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident of Charleville Road I strongly object to the traffic measures proposed on the street due to Busconnects. As a once quiet residential street the through traffic has strongly increased ever since the closure of Rathdown Road to traffic and also the traffic light sequencing on the North Circular Road at Hanlons Corner.

We will now be subjected to "traffic promotion" on the street due to current proposal to make Charleville Road one way for northbound traffic. This is not a traffic calming or alleviation measure, it is purely rerouting to the most convenient residential street. As Phibsborough village is already a bottleneck the increased traffic due to closure of Old Cabra Road, restrictions on Anamoe Road and Monk Place, and the aforementioned Rathdown Road, traffic will invariably be looking for time saving rat runs. Any traffic along NCR or south of it will find Charleville Road a very attractive route and a great way to avoid Phibsborough village. Traffic coming from the City on the NCR will see a much worse version of the already existing traffic congestion on NCR and use Charleville Road as a last ditch attempt to avoid it.

If Busconnects were serious about this and foresee a significant traffic reduction in the City due to this bus route they would make Charleville Road an access only road to residents. Why is this type of solution not available to Charleville Road yet is perfectly acceptable for Rathdown Road? After all traffic will now be able to turn at Phibsborough Church so what is the point of diverting it up a residential street in the first place.

I would suggest that Charleville Road be either made completely 'Access Only' or at very least severely restricted during rush hours.

I nor any of my neighbours that I have talked to have witnessed any traffic observation measures by DCC. Nobody has called to my door either to consult me on this matter. This to me suggests that this plan has been thrown together with no regard for the people most affected.

So what does the current plan solve? Nothing! It will only create a problem of never-ending traffic and pollution for the residents of Charleville Road. Busconnects is creating a problem, they clearly know this by virtue of having to offer this solution for Charleville Road in the first place!

Yours sincerely



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