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Member of the Manor street traders and residents association.

I am a business owner of Manor Pharmacy at 21 Manor street.

This bus connects plan will be detrimental to businesses in Stoneybatter. Dublin city have a checkered history with road widening plans. These road-widening plans have occurred in the past with regards to Dorset street, Queen Street and Clanbrassil street which caused a degrading of business units and consequent dereliction of the streetscapes. It appears history is destined to repeat itself.

I fundamentally disagree with bus connects as it tampers with the freedoms and livelihoods of the people of Stoneybatter in order to facilitate slightly faster bus times from west Dublin.

This causes a disconnect between different parts of the population. People from the outer fringes of Dublin get a better bus service. The people of Northwest inner city get their rights and freedoms reduced accordingly.

Stoneybatter's is to become the sacrificial lamb on the altar of faster bus times.

The bus connects proposal very negatively affects the business prospects of many businesses in the manor street area.

The Stoneybatter area has been a vibrant business district for hundreds of years and the proposals are doing their best to undermine that.

The main problem is private vehicular access to the Manor street area from the North. Most of my customers who do not live in the immediate vicinity come from the North of the village. Many of these people are elderly so are not going to cycle.

These plans have made it almost impossible for them to come to the area.

If these people through perseverance manage to get here there will be no longer anywhere to park given the plans to take up the majority of the car parking spaces.

Nearly all the houses and business have title deeds from the 19th century and the maps extend to the middle of the road, so the adjustment and removal of car parking spaces might have CPO implications.

The wide footpath of Manor Street is considered part of public space when much of it is in fact privately owned.

Possible compromises.

1. Disabling the bus gate at off peak hours to allow private traffic southbound to Stoneybatter between 10am and 4pm. As suggested by the pride of Stoneybatter pride of place collective.

2. Car parking provision for short term parking (perhaps 30 minutes). This could also work as loading bays for deliveries.

3. There is plenty of room for a loading bay outside the premises of 21 Manor Street, this can also serve the business around there including Kerala Kitchen, Donal Collins eilly solicitors and Grants clothing

Sincerely,
Dominic Cooney
Member of Manor Street traders and residents association