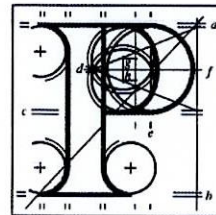


Our Case Number: ABP-314942-22



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Brendan Higgins and others
1 Laburnum Walk
Palmerstown
Dublin 20

Date: 12th July 2023

Re: BusConnects Lucan to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme
Lucan to Dublin City Centre

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

Please note that the proposed development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it with or without modifications.

If you have any queries in relation to the 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,

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Our case number – ABP–314942-22

Dear Sirs,

We are in receipt of your letter dated 06 June 2023 regarding the BusConnects Lucan to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme Lucan to Dublin City Centre.

Having read the information within your letter and viewed the website at www.pleanala.ie/en/case/314942 we wish to advise that we found many inaccuracies in the document.

We are disappointed that there will be no oral hearing in this case.

We stand over our views as per our previous letter dated 10 January 2023, see below:

Bus Corridor Scheme, see below:

1. The traffic congestion which is already a problem will be compounded by changes to be made at the junction at the Oval and Kennelsfort Rd. By removing the left filter, the traffic will be backed up, increasing travel time, and causing more emissions to be pumped into the atmosphere thereby causing more damage to the ozone layer. There has never been a problem with cars exiting left and crossing the bus lane.
2. Changing the route of the 26/80 bringing it in through the village does not serve any member of the community, in fact it will have the opposite effect, as the bus stop at The Drive will be removed making it really really difficult for anyone living on any of the roads around The Oval. The number of vehicles that jump the lights already is very dangerous causing many accidents at both junctions. Having one bus stop in the village makes it inaccessible for most people.
3. The bus stops need to be kept where they are., there is a green space at the Apple Green garage that could be used for the buses to pull off the main road. There has never been a problem with buses backing up.
4. Taking the No 18 bus away altogether will leave a portion of Palmerstown without any bus service. The proposed idea of getting a bus to the Coldcut and having to change there and cross two roads to get a link towards Ballyfermot and beyond is unimaginable. The time delay and possible cost will certainly not encourage people to use the bus, on the contrary it will drive people to use their cars.

5. With regard to the cycle lane, it would be possible to bring the lane through an area across from the Beehive out onto the R148 and down along towards the village, thereby avoiding the damage that will be caused to the village by removing the parking. As a cyclist I have never had a problem cycling through the village.
6. There is also the issue of the natural habitat for badgers and bats, both which live along the green area between Kennelsfort Rd and Shaws.

It would be more useful if the old Lucan Rd behind the Apple Green garage was opened to traffic going into Chapelizod.

We would like that the above points be reviewed and considered in the case.

We look forward to hearing from you with a favourable reply.

Yours sincerely,

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