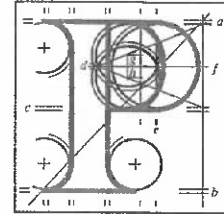


Our Case Number: ABP-314942-22



An
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Pleanála

Phyllis Arlow and others
56 Elderwood Road
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Dublin 20

Date: 8th February 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 (including your fee of €50) in relation to the above-mentioned proposed road development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

Please note that the proposed road development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it or approved it with modifications.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the undersigned.

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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9th Jan 2023

Re Planning Application by NTA - Lucan to City Centre Bus Corridor
Observations for your consideration in relation to impact on Palmerstown Area.
€50 Bank Draft ENCLOSED.

Sir/Madam,

We write to you with observations on the planning application by NTA for the Lucan to City Centre Bus Corridor.

We are long-standing residents of Palmerstown and will be directly impacted by the corridor proposals. We therefore submit commentary on the proposals and request the Board to consider them in making their decision on the application and in particular on any conditions it may impose upon a potential grant of planning.

We value our bus service and the linkage to the city centre and beyond that it offers. Whilst we appreciate the aims of the National Development Plan, Climate Action Plan, National Planning Framework, the Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy and Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan, we in Palmerstown are a living community with expectations of consideration when this phase of BusConnects is being implemented.

To provide context to our observations, we note that the Palmerstown community has been negatively impacted by "road improvement" proposals for a number of years. The construction of the N4 "Chapelizod By-Pass" divided the community in 2 and separated the village from the majority of residents of the town. We were informed at the time that the NRA only had responsibility for roads outside of the M50 cordon and thus nothing could be done to provide a flyover or other solution to the N4/R148 Kennelsfort Road junction which is already problematic and can result in delays at peak travel times during the week and again at weekends. This problem is likely to worsen once the apartment development under construction in the village is completed-with the welcome addition of new residents potentially worsening the traffic situation.

Bus Route 26 (80)

Our primary concerns are around the proposals associated with the Bus Route 26 (to become Route 80) and the associated alterations to road layouts along the N4 through Palmerstown and within Palmerstown village.

Our concerns can be summarised as follows:

- no demonstrated evidence of any need to change the current route
- as 26 bus will have no shared bus stop with C buses it will not be possible to switch from 26 to C spine bus at any bus stop.
- proposed change will increase journey time and pollution.
- infrastructure to facilitate bus entry to and exit from Palmerstown Village would involve huge unnecessary cost and disruption.

- creating bus lanes in and out of Palmerstown Village will have potential negative impact on pedestrians and motorists alike.
- The changes to Kennelsfort Road/R148 Junction are also contrary to Objective SM4 SLO 2 of the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028 "To include an underpass as part of any traffic management consideration as practical solution to traffic delays on the N4 at Palmerstown Village".
- Woodfarm Cottages and Redcow Cottages on the Old Lucan Road are designated an area of architectural conservation and would be impacted by the proposed bus lanes and shelters.
- changes to parking arrangements in this area also a concern. Parking restrictions in village and particularly for those attending St Philomena's Church will have a huge impact on our community.
- unless significantly extra green light time is planned, already problematic traffic in the area will be further impacted by the removal of filter from Kennelsfort Road travelling towards West/ M50.
- similarly, removal of filter at oval traffic will be problematic.

We welcome the opportunity to submit observations on the BusConnects proposals and trust that our concerns will be given due consideration in the Board's assessment of the application.

Please note we have included the €50 fee attached to this observation.

Yours sincerely,

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