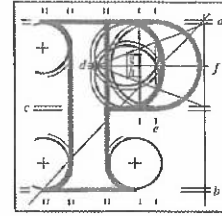


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**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Gerald Birney and William Carney
26 Culmore Road
Palmerstown
Dublin 20

Date: 13 January 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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We have examined the proposed changes to the Transport System as applied to the Palmerstown Area – Drawings No. 17 and 18.

We would like to point out that in our opinion the proposed changes would not improve the Transport System in Palmerstown and at the same time would cause great inconvenience and danger to the Public, the Motorist and the Buses.

The plan to have the new No. 80 Bus route turn into the old Palmerstown Village serves no useful purpose whatsoever and would create many knock-on problems and dangers. This is something that nobody asked for and that nobody wants, we presume therefore that it must be an NTA decision.

1.REMOVAL OF THE BUS STOP AT PALMERSTOWN DRIVE

We assume that the removal of the bus stop at Palmerstown Drive is to facilitate the No. 80 Bus crossing over from the left lane to the right lane. This would be a mammoth task to ask any bus driver to perform most especially on a dark wet evening when the traffic is bumper to bumper which is regularly the case. It would be difficult to avoid an accident and all the chaos that this would cause.

Also, all the other buses that stop at Palmerstown Drive, travelling out of town, would no longer be able to do so causing great hardship to a lot of people including ourselves as we use this bus stop on a regular basis.

2.REMOVAL OF THE BUS LANE TURN TO ENTER THE HOUSING ESTATE AT THE OVAL

The removal of the facility that allows cars etc to move into the bus lane about fifty metres before the turn left into the housing estate at The Oval is a very dangerous proposal.

The NRA have not removed the right to turn left but have made it very awkward most especially as they also propose narrowing the access by widening the path which would only add to the difficulty of the turn. For instance, there are shops in the housing estate that have goods delivered by truck regularly. Instead of turning left from the bus lane one is now expected to cross the bus lane. This very dangerous manoeuvre would be something akin to Russian roulette!

Example of a Most Likely Scenario

As we turn left a pedestrian walks out in front of the car – do we jamb on the brake to save the pedestrian's life and risk our own life by getting run into by an oncoming bus or do we keep going and risk knocking the pedestrian down so that we save our own lives?

3. PROPOSED REMOVAL OF THE SLIP LANE EXITING THE HOUSING ESTATE AT THE OVAL

There are two Primary Schools located at The Oval. At the moment the level of traffic exiting The Oval at school opening and closing times is very heavy indeed and can back up as far as Culmore Road leading to long delays. We shudder to think what the traffic hold-ups would be like with the removal of the slip lane and widening of the footpath. This would make life more difficult than it already is traffic wise for all who may be exiting this area at these times. In these circumstances and when a driver's patience is tried, accidents can happen.

CONCLUSION: -

We ask that you please do not implement these three proposals that we have outlined above and in which we have given you our detailed concerns.

We do not understand how these plans were ever contemplated in the first place, the danger and inconvenience they would cause is beyond our comprehension.

SUBMISSIONS OF OBSERVATIONS GIVEN BY THE FOLLOWING RESIDENTS OF PALMERSTOWN:-

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