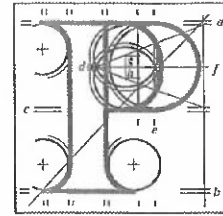


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**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Maeve Brophy
106 Wheatfield 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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To An Bord Pleanála for consideration

Re: Bus Connects Lucan scheme-Palmerstown

I wish to submit the following observations as the proposals below are not in the interest of the proper planning and development of the Palmerstown area which this proposed Bus Connects corridor will run through.

- Removal of the left filter lane entering at The Oval prevents safe and direct access to St.Lorcans BNS/ St.Brigids GNS/ The Oval Creche/ Palmerstown Credit Union/local shops at Manor Road and over 1,000 houses that comprise the housing estate surrounding The Oval. The new plan proposes that traffic can make a left turn **only** if traffic in the Bus Lane is empty. This is extremely unsafe and if this traffic is forced to travel to the next left exit at Kennelsfort Road it will add to the heavy congestion already present there. It will also create an unwanted traffic footprint in the estate as cars will have no other choice but to drive through additional roads to reach their destination. This left filter lane should not be removed.
- Removal of the left filter lane at Kennelsfort Road towards Lucan will add to the considerable tailback already on Kennelsfort Road for the greater part of the day and will not be helped by only one lane of traffic proposed from the Pedestrian Bridge to M50 junction. Narrowing the traffic to one lane only between these two points is without merit. The proposals do not address the traffic congestion at the junction of Kennelsfort Road and the R148 which is key to the efficiency of the Bus Connects scheme.
- The Red Cow Cottages designed by architect Thomas Joseph Byrne in Palmerstown Village represent what is left of our village heritage. Rerouting the 26/80 around this short stretch of the village and all the works associated with this will have a negative impact on this area. The services that people need to reach (Church/Aldi) are at the other end of the village and the proposed rerouting of the 26/80 through the village does not offer a useful replacement for the loss of the 18 bus. Access to a bus into town is best from the main road where there is already a greater choice of buses. The existing 26 bus should not be rerouted.
- Travelling by bus from the city centre there are currently 3 bus stops in Palmerstown. The bus stop at The Drive is the first of 3 stops and serves The Drive, Culmore Road and Park, Glenmaroon Road, Manor Road, Glenaulin Road and lower Wheatfield Road. Removing this stop means that **no** bus travelling from the city centre will stop here and the proposed 26/80 Palmerstown bus will not serve **any of the 3 existing bus stops** along the R148 but instead would make a right turn into the village at Applegreen and up Kennelsfort Road, which is not in the community interest. The bus stop at The Drive should not be removed.

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