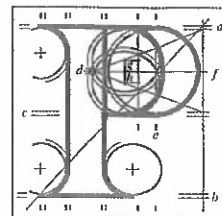


Our Case Number: ABP-314942-22

Planning Authority Reference Number:



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Alma Byrne
14 Palmerstown Green
Palmerstown
Dublin 20

Date: 10th 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,

Doina Chiforescu
Executive Officer
Direct Line: 01-8737133

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Maria Byrne
14 Palmerstown Green
Palmerstown
Dublin 20

Date: 20th February 2022

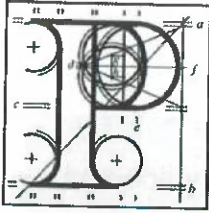
Dear Planning Authority,
I am writing to you regarding the above-mentioned planning application.

I have reviewed the application and the supporting documents, and I am pleased to inform you that I have no objections to the proposed development.

The proposed development is in accordance with the relevant planning regulations and the local planning authority's policies. I believe that the development will be a positive addition to the area and will not cause any significant adverse impacts on the surrounding environment or the community.

Yours faithfully,
Maria Byrne

Signature: Maria Byrne
Name: Maria Byrne
Address: 14 Palmerstown Green, Palmerstown, Dublin 20
Phone: 01 234 5678
Email: maria.byrne@example.com



Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

Observer's details

1. Observer's details (person making the observation)

If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.

If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

(a) Observer's name

Alma Byrne

(b) Observer's postal address

14 Palmerstown Green, Palmerstown, Dublin 20

Agent's details

2. Agent's details (if applicable)

If you are an agent and are acting for someone else **on this observation**, please **also** write your details below.

If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

Click or tap here to enter text.

(b) Agent's postal address

Click or tap here to enter text.

Postal address for letters

3. During the process to decide the application, we will post information and items to you or to your agent. For this **current application**, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only)

You (the observer) at the postal address in Part 1

The agent at the postal address in Part 2

Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the **current application** you wish to make an observation.

- (a) **An Bord Pleanála case number for the current application (if available)**
(for example: 300000)

Click or tap here to enter text.

- (b) **Name or description of proposed development**

Lucan to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme

- (c) **Location of proposed development**

(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

Click or tap here to enter text.

Observation details

5. Grounds

Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below. There is **no word** limit as the box expands to fit what you write.

You can also insert photographs or images in this box. (See part 6 – Supporting materials for more information).

Observations based on page 26 of the Location Maps & General Arrangement Drawings file on www.lucanscheme.ie.

A large number of cars turn left at the junction of Kennelsfort Road Upper and Lower and the R148 to continue on to the N4/M4 and the M50 to commute to other parts of the county and/or country. The existing left turn slip lanes from Kennelsfort Road Upper towards the R148 (westbound) ensure that cars wanting to turn left don't have to queue for as long with cars that are continuing straight onto Kennelsfort Road Lower or turning right onto the R148 (eastbound) and this benefits cars turning both directions. If the left turn slip lanes are removed, it will result in a huge backlog of traffic on Kennelsfort Road Upper.

The proposed bus stop on the Old Lucan Road for the 26/80 bus route won't benefit residents at all. It will mean more traffic on Kennelsfort Road Lower and on the Old Lucan Road as cars will be stuck behind buses. Traffic can be bad enough on Kennelsfort Road Lower already. The bus stops on the R148 on both sides of the road at the footbridge should continue to serve the 26/80 bus. If the 26/80 bus service is delayed for any reason, residents who are travelling to the city centre will still be able to avail of other bus services at the same bus stops rather than having to walk from the stop on the Old Lucan Road to the R148 bus stops.

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Observations based on page 27 of the Location Maps & General Arrangement Drawings file on www.lucanscheme.ie

It would be a shame to only give buses the option to turn right from the R148 (westbound) onto the Old Lucan Road at the R148/Oval/Old Lucan Road junction. As previously stated, I don't think that the residents would benefit from the 26/80 bus route turning onto the Old Lucan Road at this junction or from Kennelsfort Road Lower.

A huge number of cars turn left from the Oval onto the R148 (westbound) to commute to work using the N4/M4 and the M50 to travel to other parts of the country/county. A number of people take this turn after dropping children to school/crèche on Turret Road/The Oval in the morning. The existing left turn slip lanes mean that cars turning left don't have to queue with cars turning right for as long and this benefits cars turning both left and right. Removing the existing left turn slip lanes will cause a huge backlog of cars here as cars that want to turn left will have to queue for longer along with cars turning right onto the R148 (eastbound).

I don't understand how cars travelling on the R148 (westbound) are going to turn left towards the Oval without using the bus lane. For example, if the lights are green for the two other lanes to proceed straight ahead on the R148 (westbound) and if cars are to turn left at this time, it would be very easy for buses, taxis or bicycles to make the mistake of moving forward and to crash with vehicles trying to turn left onto the Oval.

Observations based on page 28 of the Location Maps & General Arrangement Drawings file on www.lucanscheme.ie

Removing the existing bus stop near the petrol station on the R148 (westbound) will mean that many residents will have to walk a lot further to their nearest bus stop. There are many elderly residents living on the

5. Grounds

Palmerstown Drive/Culmore Road side of the Oval that live close to this bus stop that would have to walk further to the other bus stops. It also prevents crowding at the other two existing bus stops in Palmerstown on the R148 (westbound).

Supporting materials

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

You can insert photographs and similar items in your observation details: grounds (part 5 of this form).

If your supporting materials are physical objects, you must send them together with your observation by post or deliver it in person to our office. You cannot use the online uploader facility.

Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct fee is included with your observation.

Observers (except prescribed bodies)

- strategic infrastructure observation is €50.
- there is no fee for an oral hearing request

Oral hearing request

8. If you wish to request the Board to hold an oral hearing, please tick the “Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing” box below.

You can find information on how to make this request on [our website](#) or by contacting us.

If you do not wish to request an oral hearing, please tick the “No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing” box.

Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing

No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing

Final steps before you send us your observations

9. If you are sending us your observation using **the online uploader facility**, remember to save this document as a Microsoft word or PDF and title it with:

- the case number and your name, or
- the name and location of the development and your name.

This also applies to prescribed bodies sending an observation by email.

If you are sending your observation to us by post or delivering in person, remember to print off all the pages of this document and send it to us.

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