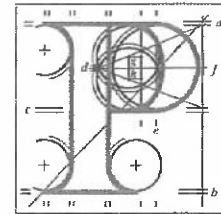


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**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

Martin and Marie Duggan & Others  
39 Palmerstown Drive  
Palmerstown  
Dublin 20

**Date:** 17 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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# Proposed Development: Lucan to City Centre Bus Corridor

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## Observations:

### Changes at the Oval

#### Exiting Oval, filter left is removed:

This proposed change will cause major traffic problems for residents, along with business, schools & deliveries & will lead to serious congestion for emergency vehicles due to the bottleneck it will create.

The residents have major problems getting out onto the N4 at the moment, particularly at peak times & school traffic. With this proposal we can see traffic backed up to Silver Granite

#### Removing the bus stop @ Palmerstown Drive:

The removal of the bus stop will cause a lot of hardship to residents, including senior citizens, school children, those with mobility issues etc living on Palmerstown Drive, Culmore Road & other roads south of the N4, along with residents from Ballyfermot who walk to the stop at Palmerstown Drive to catch buses to Lucan, Celbridge, Leixlip, Maynooth, country buses etc. The population in this is part of Palmerstown is far greater than that of the new location of bus stops & reduces the need to cross a busy dual carriageway by foot to return to this base

#### Bus stop at Applegreen moved back to Shaws:

This proposed change is again purely to facilitate the 26 / 80 bus service into the village which no one requested or wants. This change is going to create hardship & safety issues for residents & particularly elderly people, those pushing buggies, experiencing a mobility issue etc. who will now have to cross at two sets of traffic lights.

#### 26/80 Bus service:

This is the only local service that serves Chapelizod, Parkgate St, Cony Rd, St Mary's Hospital, nursing homes, boat clubs, Phoenix Park etc.

Residents returning to Palmerstown will be required to complete a lengthy walk back from Palmerstown village with the removal of the Palmerstown Drive bus stop

#### Left turn on N4 by Oval coming from city removed:

We note that in this new proposal, the bus lane goes right up to the 'stop' line at the traffic lights on N4 / the Oval junction. All other traffic turning left at the Oval must do so from the outer lane - & we are concerned with regards to the health & safety of traffic turning left from the outer lane in front of buses & taxis.

### **Pedestrian crossing moved from east to west at Oval / Applegreen junction:**

We are of the opinion this is a complete a waste of money to facilitate the 26/80 bus service to the village that no one wants, & will create a major safety issues for residents to cross the 2 major junctions i.e. Palmerstown Drive side of the Oval to Palmerstown Avenue side of the Oval, then across N4

### **Changes at Kennelsfort Rd R148 Junction**

#### **Two-way cycle lane:**

The proposal of the 2-way cycle lanes are not required on Lower Kennelsfort Rd to / across the N4. The road is already very congested with traffic, narrow & parking spaces are required.

#### **No left exit from village towards the Oval / city:**

We are concerned that this change will cause major traffic back up, bearing in mind the number of people who are employed in the village area, along with busy times e.g. funerals mass times etc.

The current arrangement affords a balance of two options & this is without the new apartments coming on stream

#### **New pedestrian crossing underneath the footbridge:**

This is a total waste of money & resources putting a crossing below an adequate footbridge. It will delay traffic flow from Kennelsfort Rd, & this is the reason we are losing the left turn as outlined in the previous point. Furthermore, with the increased footfall resulting from the new apartments at this junction, the existing pedestrian crossing is a much safer option.

### **Changes at Old Lucan Road**

#### **Loss of street parking on north side of old Lucan Road**

There is no need for dedicated 2-way cycle lanes on this road. The road is already very narrow & parking spaces are required for residents & staff & customers of local businesses and church attendees [weddings, funerals etc].