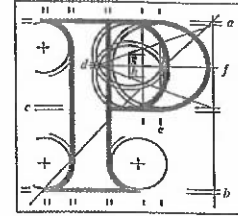


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Sorcha Ford
6 Red Cow Cottages
Palmerstown

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.

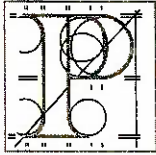
Yours faithfully,

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SID Online Observation

Online Reference
SID-OBS-000617

Online Observation Details

Contact Name
Sorcha Ford

Lodgement Date
11/01/2023 16:04:37

Case Number / Description
Lucan to city centre bus corridor

Payment Details

Payment Method
Online Payment

Cardholder Name
Sorcha Ford

Payment Amount
€50.00

Fee Refund Requisition

Please Arrange a Refund of Fee of

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Lodgement No

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Reason for Refund

Documents Returned to Observer

Yes

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Request Emailed to Senior Executive Officer for Approval

Yes

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Refund Date

Authorised By (1)

SEO (Finance)

Authorised By (2)

Chief Officer/Director of Corporate Affairs/SAO/Board
Member

Date

Date

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Observations for proposed development in Palmerstown for Lucan to City Centre bus corridor

I am writing to give my observations on the proposed developments to Palmerstown village and the Oval junction. All these proposed changes are coming from government policy to improve public transport and combat climate change. These proposed plans coming from the National Development plan 2021-2030, Climate Action Plan 2021, the National Planning Framework 2040 to name a few.

Being proposed is for the new 80 bus to enter the village take a right and exit the village again. My argument to this is the unnecessary construction of this futile minor bus detour. Nobody in the village thinks this is a good idea. We are happy for it to stay on the N4. Some of the houses in the village are over 100 years old there is no need to put in bus stops that aren't required or warranted for such a small amount of possible use. Personally I would never wait outside the house for a bus when I can walk a minute up the road for more choice of bus it's a complete waste.

There is so many elderly residents and service users from Stewarts who do not need big double decker buses up and down the roads outside their homes everyday.

Plenty of children going to school not from the village use the 26(80) they don't need to unnecessarily walk further to get their bus when it can just stay on the N4.

In relation to what's being proposed at the oval junction, I find the removal of the first bus stop coming into Palmerstown at the Applegreen to be pointless. This is a well used bus stop and to remove it would be extremely unfair on many bus users including elderly from Palmerstown drive and surrounding areas.

The removal of the left filter lane exiting the Oval is dangerous. This is already an extremely busy junction at school times and would just cause more delay at these lights.

The movement of the bus stop at Applegreen back to Shaws is pointless and waste of resource, it is adequate where it is.

The whole idea of the bus turning into the village across the lanes is really a foolish idea. The junction is already extremely busy with traffic at all times during the day. Why make a bus cross two lanes and the cars have to wait for yet another sequence of lights for a tiny piece of bus route that is unnecessary.

Kennelsfort road is an extremely busy road with so much traffic not heading for the village or right into town but most of it going left to the m50 or west towards Lucan. It needs the left filter light.

In conclusion a lot of the proposed changes to Palmerstown go against what these government plans are saying they are trying to achieve. Making the bus route go through a tiny part of the village does not improve public transport or combat climate change. It makes an already busy bus route divert and take longer for users where nobody wants it. It will also sit idle longer which does not combat climate change and will cost millions of euros and cause so much disruption during building, where that money can be used elsewhere for other desperate parts of the country.

In regards to the financial side of these proposed plans ; 13billion for transport, 5.7billion for healthcare and 4.4 for education. Figures I found on the government website in relation to the National Development Plan 2021-2030. Roughly 78% more being spent on transport then healthcare, when at the minute people are literally unnecessarily dying in hospitals because of a lack of resources (but that's another days argument). So why spend all this money on transport and waste millions of it moving lanes and moving bus routes that are really not required, can it not for once be used more wisely.

According to the phase 1 report published last March of the National Development Plan 2021; they drew on research and policy papers and extensive public consultation to provide solid evidence for a second phase. No one I've spoken to about this has had any consultation about improving or changing Palmerstown.

A government online publication on the Climate Action plan 2021 states; 'that it is a detailed plan for taking decisive action to achieve 51% reduction in overall greenhouse gas emissions by 2030'. All this unnecessary construction will not help to combat climate change, it will take years to achieve a pointless extension of a diesel powered bus. Taking green area along with it for its machines, hardly helping to combat climate change.

On reviewing the National Planning Framework 2040 the Taoiseach and minister for housing, planning and local government state in the forward that; 'we have made mistakes in the past and allowed the country to sprawl and develop without a coherent plan, and to the detriment of many of our places and our people'. So why make unnecessary and avoidable mistakes again?

At the meetings held about these proposed changes to Palmerstown, not one person thought the bus going into the village was a good idea. Simple and cheap changes can help the traffic at the both set of lights. To make the bus go into the village is a mistake. To remove the left filters at both junctions is a mistake. To move the bus stop from the garage to Shaws going into town is a mistake. To remove the bus stop at Applegreen is a mistake. Not to have any direct route from Palmerstown to Ballyfermot and surrounding areas is a mistake.

No one opposes change or improvement to the place we call home. What I don't agree with is wasteful spending of money and time on things that won't improve the area or living in it and will cause huge disruption on the actions and ideas of people that clearly haven't spent any time here.

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