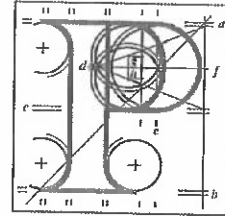


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An  
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Dublin 20

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,

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I wish to submit my observations regarding this new plan for Palmerstown and Palmerstown Village.

#### Changes at Kennelsfort Rd/R148 Junction

My concern here is that there will be no exit from the village towards the Oval/ Town. It means that all traffic will have to go through the village. This is a real concern as the traffic is heavy enough at peak times without the added traffic with no alternative not to mention the new apartments also. Palmerstown village has a lot of pedestrians who use the village constantly. Stewart's Hospital patients ramble through our village daily, along with walkers to the Hermitage and back and not to mention two running groups in Palmerstown who use this route for running their 5k's and for intervals at the upper end of the village towards the M50. With the increase of the new bus route along with the increase of traffic this is going to have a huge impact on safety and use of the road for the community.

I see no sense in diverting the 26 (80) through our village. Where is the proof of demand for this service? Very few people use the 26 to be honest as it is nearly always full by the time it gets to Palmerstown and we have such a good choice of other buses. There is absolutely no need and no demand for this bus through our village. I am a daily bus user and runner using our village and I can see how this increase in traffic will increase our safety risks not to mention the disturbance and annoyance of an already angry community.

#### Changes at the Old Lucan Road / Oval

I am a resident on Palmerstown Ave . We have 2 schools, a creche, an elderly community all within a short radius of this road. I don't agree with removing the filter lane from the Oval towards the M50. This is only going to cause absolute mayhem surrounding our roads, The Drive, The Avenue, The Oval. Already it is such a busy junction at school times, mornings, evenings, even weekends. Our local football teams use the Oval as a meeting place. Our school kids have to cross the N4 to get to the school. The traffic in and out of our estate is constant and because drivers can't drive down The Ave, they use Turret Road as an alternative. This will only increase now as the junctions up at Kennelsfort will have no filter lane. The traffic will be an absolute nightmare down Kennelsfort so they will use Turret as the alternative even more now. We honestly don't want to live with this noise and extra pollution on our doorstep. It's already bad as it is. Then to move the bus stop to the back of Shaws, will make things even worse! Why do that. It's perfectly fine where it is. It has been there for years.

Why remove the bus stop outside the Circle K too? This stop provides our elderly residents with an easy access to the bus. It makes no sense to take that away. They will definitely not be within the 400meters from a bus stop as bus connects have promised.

There is also a massive safety issue with the removal of the left filter from the N4 to the Oval. Cars looking to enter at the Oval will have to wait for the bus lane to be clear. This is a huge safety concern on an already dangerous junction. It could also force more traffic up to the Kennelsfort Road junction instead. Especially the ones that use Turret as an alternative.

Removing parking from the old Lucan road will only push parking to the outer roads. Palmerstown Ave for example already have constant parking during the day from People using the bus to town and parking at the creche which also reduces access especially during the school rush. Where will the village parking be diverted to? Where will the church overflow parking be diverted to?

All in all, I think this is a huge waste of public funding to facilitate the change of a bus route, that nobody has asked for and will only create a massive safety concern to Palmerstown residents and patients and staff at Stewart's Hospital, not to mention the huge upheaval and unwanted changes to a community who have just simply had enough.