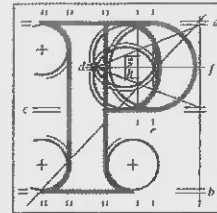


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**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Michael Knightly
7 Riversdale Avenue
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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doina Chiforescu', written over a horizontal line.

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Lucan to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme - BusConnects

Dear Sir / Madam,

The Old Lucan Road in Palmerstown is one of the last remaining quiet village streets in the County. The lived experience of residents and visitors is not reflected in the proposed plans by the NTA and it is quite clear that the plan was developed as a desk top exercise and not personal observations. With this in mind, I hope you will consider my following points as a resident, when deciding on the planning application.

Cycle Lanes Old Lucan Road

The inclusion of a two-way cycle lane on the northern side of the road does not reflect the number of cyclists using the road. Those who commute to the city centre mostly use the R148 as it is the most direct route. For cyclists on the Old Lucan Road it is a non-through road and already safe, this is born out in the absence of road collisions on the stretch. It contains only three junctions that receive the majority of vehicle movement – Riversdale estate, Waterstown Avenue and Mill Lane. If there are any concerns for the safety of merging traffic, the most that is needed is to tighten the bends, not a radical overhaul of the entire stretch of road.

R148 Westbound between Kennelsfort road & M50

The removal of one lane westbound on one of the busiest junctions in Dublin will cause tail backs that will mean traffic exiting Kennelsfort road will be unable to join as the road will be blocked. The lights already only allow a maximum of six vehicles to exit. The impact will be a blocked village that is zoned Village Centre with the aim to promote residential and local business. I believe this change is unnecessary. Leaving it as it currently is will not impede the westbound bus, but the knock on effects for local residents is disproportionate. The change is unnecessary.

New Route 80 entering east side of Palmerstown Village

Residents are adequately served by the core bus corridor on the R148. There is no need to reroute a bus through the village. It will lengthen journey times and increase danger for all other road users in the quietest part of the village. Drivers reversing out of perpendicular spots into the roadway, large truck from Mill Lane having inadequate sweep to clear the junction and the new bus entering at the Oval will have to enter the eastbound traffic lane to turn left onto Old Lucan road.

Fee of €50 has been paid.

Sincerely,
Michael Knightly
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