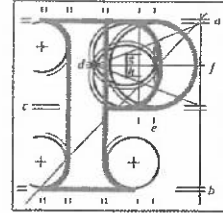


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**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Geraldine McCormack
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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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Lucan to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme

Re-routing of 26 and observations.

My name: Geraldine McCormack

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Observations:

1. Taking the bus into the village is pointless and adding extra time. The village is already a bottleneck causing traffic delays. Bringing the 26 bus into the village rather than turning onto the N4 could add 15/20 minutes onto the journey. There is already 10 minutes extra added to the journey since the terminus was moved to Liffey Valley. The bus times were not changed to reflect this.
2. Removing the left slip road at the end of Kenneslsfort Rd onto N4 will cause huge tailbacks on an already congested road.
3. Removal of the bus stop at the drive - this is the only stop on the N4 which services the west side of Palmerstown and is extremely well used. This contravenes the requirement to have a bus stop within 400m of your home.
4. The re-routing of the 26 is only to facilitate the apartments that are being built. There is already a bus stop that they can use on the N4 under the bridge. No one in Palmerstown has ever asked for the bus to go into the village. No consideration for the elderly is being given as it will cause them to have to walk further.
5. The village is a historic heritage village. No consideration has been given to this. The routing of an unwanted bus through this section, along with all the associated works particularly the bus shelters outside Woodfarm Cottages and the potential introduction of bollards etc. will have a considerable visual impact on the historic village area.
6. The congestion will lead to air quality issues and safety issues around the childcare facility and schools at the Oval, and for all residents as a whole.

7. All traffic from new apartment development: Riversdale, Hollyville, Watertown, Robin Villas, Village, etc. that wish to head to Oval or city direction will have to pass through the historic village and exit at Applegreen / Shaws. The above point on congestion, air quality, environmental impact, etc. apply.
8. The main road through Palmerstown is not a "bypass". The road cuts through the heart and separates the village of Palmerstown from the rest of Palmerstown. There are no traffic calming measures in place.
9. New right turn into the Village at Applegreen for Buses and all the ancillary road changes to facilitate it is not feasible due to size of the access road, wasteful of public money and is not in the public interest of the whole community.
10. This scheme is not essential, will cost far too much and does not take the living human experience into consideration or show any care for people and how they live and have lived their lives in Palmerstown with ease and in safety for decades.
11. It is confusing and unsafe with no consideration given to those who have lived in Palmerstown. To re-iterate, there is no want or need from the community of Palmerstown to have the bus routed through the village. No evidence has been provided by the NTA for the need for a bus route through Palmerstown village.
12. Removal of slip road from N4 to Oval, this will cause delays of traffic on N4 as cars will need to wait for buses to go pass before turning left, this is extremely dangerous and will lead to accidents at this junction. Dangerous/Additional road congestion and environmental impact.
13. Major safety issue at the oval with those changes from both a driver and pedestrian point of view. Children having to cross the oval to get to the new proposed lights is concerning