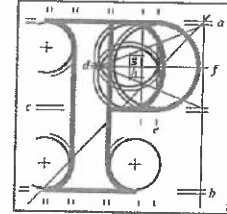


Our Case Number: ABP-314942-22



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Alan and Eileen McQuaid
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Old Lucan Road
Palmerstown
Dublin 20
D20 E409

Date: 9th 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.

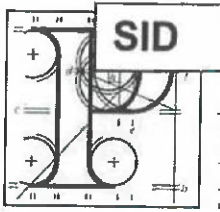
Yours faithfully,

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Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

Observer's details

1. Observer's details (person making the observation)

If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.

If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

(a) Observer's name

(b) Observer's postal address

Agent's details

2. Agent's details (if applicable)

If you are an agent and are acting for someone else on this observation, please also write your details below.

If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

(b) Agent's postal address

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Postal address for letters

3. During the process to decide the application, we will post information and items to you or to your agent. For this **current application**, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only)

You (the observer) at the postal address in Part 1

The agent at the postal address in Part 2

Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the **current application** you wish to make an observation.

- (a) **An Bord Pleanála case number for the current application (if available)**
(for example: 300000)

Click or tap here to enter text.

- (b) **Name or description of proposed development**

Lucan to City Centre Bus Corridor

- (c) **Location of proposed development**

(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

Old Lucan Road, Palmerstown Village, Dublin 20.

Observation details

5. Grounds

Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below. There is **no word limit** as the box expands to fit what you write.

You can also insert photographs or images in this box. (See part 6 – Supporting materials for more information).

As a resident of Palmerstown Village I would like to submit the following observations,

1. Cycle Path - Cyclists Safety.

I welcome the proposal and I consider it to be an excellent initiative although I must express real concerns that the route is planned to cross the main 148 and Upr / Lr. Kennelsfort rd. junction. This is a major junction where several incidents over the years have occurred. It is commonplace to see drivers breaking the traffic lights at speed. May I suggest an alternative solution to be considered e.g. an elevated cycle route similar to the existing pedestrian bridge. This will separate cyclists from the traffic.

2. Child Safety - Toucan Pedestrian Crossings.

Both the 148 / Oval and 148 / Kennelsfort Junctions are major crossings on the 148. The breaking of traffic lights on the stretch of the road is commonplace. Pedestrians safety at the 148 / Kennelsfort junction is guarded by the provision of a foot bridge. The 148 / Oval junction is not. Given the number of children living on the northside of the 148 and within Palmerstown Village that access the schools on the south side of the 148 may I suggest that a footbridge be provided which will separate the children from the traffic.

5. Grounds

3. Amended car parking arrangements

The parking plan for the Palmerstown Village will increase car parking facilities in the Village considerably along the southside of the Old Lucan Road in front of Red Cow and Wood Farm Cottages. Currently there are nine spaces but the new layout suggests that this will increase to twenty-nine, notwithstanding the fact the parking along the Stewards Hospital wall will be eliminated to facilitate the cyclepath. The added advantage of this plan is that the continuous parking of trucks, buses, and other heavy vehicles in this space will be eliminated also but I do caution that rigorous policing by parking wardens will be required.

4. Proposed Bus route through Palmerstown Village,

Currently there are two bus stops, no's 2241 and 2242 on the east-bound carriageway of the 148 and two, no's 7293 and 4401 on the west-bound carriageway between the Oval and Lr. Kennelsfort Rd.junctions. The following are the number of buses that stop at each,

2241 = 18

2242 = 18

7293 = 10

4401 = 11

This allows for a great choice of buses for commuters as the different bus numbers share elements of the same routes. If commuters choose to use the No. 26 route (later to become the no 80 bus route) when it is rerouted through the village this limits their choice to one bus route. Also, it's worth noting that when the 26 buses arrive at stops no. 2241 / 2242 currently, heading east to the city, in most cases they are full.

For those commuters travelling on the no.26 bus route, as a consequence of having to transit through Palmerstown village this will result in delays as the bus will have to negotiate two sets of traffic lights at two extremely busy junctions i.e. the Lr. Kennelsfort rd. and 148 junction and also at the 148 and Palmerstown Village east junction. In particular when the bus is exiting at the Palmerstown and 148 junction on an east-bound

5. Grounds

Journey to the city, I envisage significant delays as it is proposed that this junction will service all vehicular traffic exiting the village heading east. The completion of the residential development of 279 apartments at the junction of Lr. Kennelsfort Rd and 148 junctions will substantially increase the traffic volumes through the village.

5. Village Residents – Access/ Egress to and from the rear of Red Cow Cottages and Wood Farm Cottages.

Please see attached a CD with a file of me accessing / egressing with my caravan from the common access point which serves both Red Cow Cottages and Wood Farm Cottages. on old Lucan Road. My apologies for its orientation. Note that other residents have caravans and in one case a boat who use this entry / exit point. The entry / exit point is also used by residents for vehicular access. The proposed narrowing of the Old Lucan Road to allow for the installation of bus stops at this point will cause delays to traffic due to residents using the Red Cow and Wood Farm entry / exit point. For larger vehicles such as caravans etc. the new road layout will cause these vehicles to traverse both lanes of the road introducing a real hazard to road users. I request that the proposed decision to introduce a bus route through the village be reconsidered on the basis that it provides no advantage to commuters, road users or residents.

6. Removal of the left turn to the city eastwards at junction 148 and Lr. Kennelsfort Road.

The removal of this turn for Traffic exiting Palmerstown village will cause traffic congestion within the Village as all traffic requiring to journey east will be forced to exit the village at the Old Lucan Rd east and the 148 road junction. I request that this decision be changed and the turn be maintained.

Supporting materials

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

You can insert photographs and similar items in your observation details:
grounds (part 5 of this form).

If your supporting materials are physical objects, you must send them together with your observation by post or deliver it in person to our office.

You cannot use the online uploader facility.

Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct fee is included with your observation.

Observers (except prescribed bodies)

- strategic infrastructure observation is €50.
- there is no fee for an oral hearing request

Oral hearing request

8. If you wish to request the Board to hold an oral hearing, please tick the "Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing" box below.

You can find information on how to make this request on our website or by contacting us.

If you do not wish to request an oral hearing, please tick the "No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing" box.

Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing

No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing

Final steps before you send us your observations

9. If you are sending us your observation using the **online uploader facility**, remember to save this document as a Microsoft word or PDF and title it with:

- the case number and your name, or
- the name and location of the development and your name.

This also applies to prescribed bodies sending an observation by email.

If you are sending your observation to us by post or delivering in person, remember to print off all the pages of this document and send it to us.

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