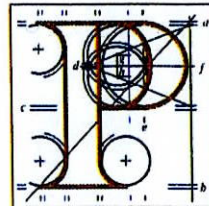


Our Case Number: ABP-314942-22



An
Bord
Pleanála

Maura and Joe McCarthy and others
43 Palmerstown Drive
Palmerstown
Dublin 20
D20DX92

Date: 16 March 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 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 mean time, 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,

Doina Chiforescu
Executive Officer
Direct Line: 01-8737133

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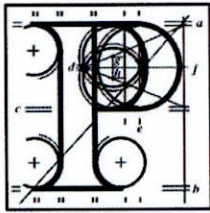
Re. BusConnects Lucan to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme

F.A.O. Doina Chiforescu

Dear Sirs
Further to yours of 9th inst. please find observations attached.

Thank you
Yours faithfully
Maura McCarthy
[REDACTED]

Maura McCarthy



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

Maura & Joe McCarthy
Brenda Reilly

(b) Observer's
postal address

43 Palmerstown Drive, Palmerstown Dublin 20,
D20DX92
6 Woodfarm Cottages, Palmerstown Village, Dublin 20

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

Not applicable

(b) Agent's postal
address

Not applicable

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)

314942

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

Bus Connects Lucan to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme

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

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

N4/M50 Interchange to R148 Chapelizod Bypass

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).

Implications of the Proposed Scheme for proper planning and sustainable development:

- 1.No rationale has been provided for the rerouting of bus route 26/80 through the historic heritage village of Palmerstown. There is no known demand for same from residents or village businesses. The architectural, archaeological, cultural heritage, townscape and visual aspects of the EIA was a desk-based exercise only. The impact on the local village character at Palmerstown requires an onsite assessment.
2. The extensive works at the Oval Junction are almost entirely planned to support the above rerouting of the 26/80 bust route. The traffic and environmental impact, disruption and cost associated with same are unnecessary.
3. The removal of the Palmerstown Drive bust stop will leave a sizable proportion of Palmerstown i.e. Drive, Avenue, Culmore, Glenaulin, Woodfarm, Manor, Wheatfied Lower roads (hereafter 'old Palmerstown') with severely reduced bus access and/or longer walk times. This does not provide an attractive alternative to car or promote a sustainable transport alternative. The changes will have a negative impact on the quality of the bus infrastructure available in Palmerstown. The rerouting of the 26 will also diminish access to connecting buses to people travelling to/from Chapelizod. Previously all routes passed through Chapelizod, now only the 26 does. If travelling from Chapelizod to Lucan or beyond, people have to

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get the 26 to Palmerstown and change buses. Currently they can do so at the same stop. The removal of the Palmerstown Drive stop and the rerouting of the 26 via the village will result in a walk time between buses.

4. The entire works for the Palmerstown area will result in severe and long-term congestion in Palmerstown Village, around the Oval and adjacent roads, including around the primary schools, and on Kennelsfort Road. Sufficient traffic counts were not undertaken before developing proposals to remove the left turn exiting Palmerstown Village (at the footbridge) or the left slips from R148 to Oval, Oval to R148, and Kennelsfort to R148. The removal of the left turn and slips will have considerable impact on access to and from the R148. Contrary to the desk-based EIA, the impact of the redistributed general traffic on the surrounding road network will not be negligible. It will be significant and long term.

5. The congestion will lead to air quality issues, noise levels and safety issues around the childcare facility and schools at the Oval, in old Palmerstown, along Kennelsfort Road and in the historic Palmerstown Village. This will impact human health and quality of life for residents, students, and visitors/users of Palmerstown. The EIA conclusion that the overall impact on air quality will be neutral and long term is incorrect.

6. The R148 already splits Palmerstown however the plans will further divide a town and community. The time to get from the old Palmerstown area to community facilities like the church, supermarket, park, swimming pool, vet, doctor, or vice versa from Riversdale, Hollyville, Palmerstown Village to shops, post office, personal care services, etc. will be increased significantly.

7. All traffic from the new apartment development, Riversdale, Hollyville, Waterstown, Robin Villas, Palmerstown Village, Stewarts Hospital, including users of the above-mentioned facilities heading to the city direction or Oval /

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old Palmerstown area, will have to pass through the historic village centre and exit at Applegreen/Shaws/Oval junction only. The above points on congestion, air quality, environmental impact, noise, safety, quality of life and community apply.

8. The proposed plant storage / works area at the Oval will be a health and safety risk to the primary school students for the 2 year duration of the works.

9. The village and houses therein are a protected conservation area. The routing of an unwanted bus route through this short section, along with all the associated works, particularly the bus shelter outside Woodfarm Cottages and the potential introduction of bollards and other street furniture, will have a considerable visual impact on the townscape in the historic village area.

10. The routing of the 26/80 bus route via Palmerstown Village will mean that the population of old Palmerstown will have to walk to the village to access this route. In line with point 3 above this moves buss access further away from a significant number of residents in Palmerstown and accordingly does not promote sustainable transport alternatives.

11. The age of the population (elderly / young families) does not appear to have been considered. It is not evidenced that the proposed works will have a positive impact on the sustainable development of the area.

12. If the unwanted and unnecessary bus route must go through Palmerstown Village (which requirement is denied) then it should exit to Chapelizod via the reopening of the old road (former N4) at the back of the Applegreen, rather than exit here onto the R148 and immediately move back on to the old road to Chapelizod. The current proposal has unnecessary impact on traffic flows on the R148 and at the junction.

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13. The proposed site compound (marked A3800 on map) near the footbridge is home to a considerable amount of urban wildlife including but not limited to bats, frogs, newts, foxes and birds. The citing of same will have a negative and possibly long-term impact on biodiversity and ecology.

14. Overall it is not evidenced that the changes will have a positive impact on the quality of pedestrian infrastructure, bus infrastructure (notably access), or that it will provide an attractive alternative to car usage and promote sustainable transport alternatives.

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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