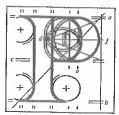
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An Bord Pleanála

Shane Moynihan Aras an Chontae Tallaght Dublin 24

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,

Doina Chiforescu **Executive Officer**

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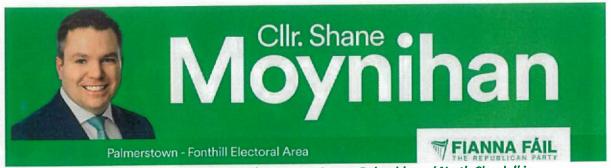
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SUBMISSION REGARDING THE NTA PROPOSALS FOR THE LUCAN CORE BUS CORRIDOR

11 January 2023

A chara,

I am writing to you to make a number of observations related to the Lucan Core Bus Corridor Proposals, as submitted by the National Transport Authority. There are many aspects to this scheme and its proposals which I welcome, specifically the improved cycle infrastructure and bus prioritisation measures that feature, certainly in the Lucan segment and near Liffey Valley.

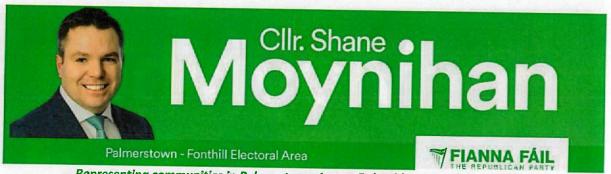
There are some observations I would like to make, pertaining particularly to Palmerstown village:

- One of the main observations I have (which I also made during the consultation phase) is that it is not apparent to me what the motivation is for routing a bus through the eastern side of Palmerstown village. There is no expressed or potential demand of which I am aware. Moreover, the resultant changes proposed due to this decision are solely based on it, and the consequences resulting from it seem to be unintended and will add to congestion especially for local schools (specifically the alterations to turning from the R148 to the Oval and Palmerstown Village).
- I am concerned that bus connectivity will be removed for residents on the western side of Palmerstown Village, specifically the residents approaching the M50 side of the Old Lucan Road. I am of the view that the large number of older people living in this area will be disconnected and I would encourage the retention of existing bus stops.
- I welcome the traffic calming measures planned for Palmerstown Village which will enhance the 30km/h speed limit currently in place.
- I would encourage consideration of the design of alterations at the Oval. As they currently stand, there is a need for road safety features to allow children to cross the road safely, given the two schools in the immediate vicinity. I would also request that consideration be given to retention of the filter lane exiting the Oval.
- I would request that the layout of bus stops on the R148 be left as is, to take into account the large number of older people living in proximity to existing stops.
- One thing which I believe has not been taken into account by the NTA is the existence of a large manufacture and storage facility at the bottom of Mill Lane. Large articulated trucks access this site on a regular basis. The alterations to the road layout on the Eastern side of Palmerstown village will present significant difficulty to large trucks accessing Mill Lane and will increase the probability of jack-knifing by trucks.

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- One smaller consideration I would like to present to the Bord is the fact that community events take place on the roadway (through local temporary closure) at the eastern side of Palmerstown Village (currently a quieter area in Palmerstown), and these may now be prohibited by these changes. These events include "Céilí at the Crossroads" and local parades. I would encourage the Bord to ask the applicant to facilitate these events insofar as possible.
- While not directly related to these proposed changes, I wish to put on the record my support for the continuation of the 18 bus route. This is an important connection between the people of Palmerstown, Ballyfermot and other parts of the city. This is something which I hope the NTA will reconsider in the coming months.
- I would encourage the installation of a new bus stop at the low bridge on the Chapelizod bypass to improve connectivity.
- The current South Dublin Development Plan states: "SM3 Objective 17: To work with the NTA and other state agencies to facilitate the delivery of the Kennelsfort Road-R148 grade separated junction or an equivalent solution to maximise the efficacy of the BusConnects Project." There is no reference to this in the proposal and the suggested changes to the junction do not address the fundamental problems, will cause further congestion (for Buses on Kennelsfort Road and on the R148) with the resultant increase in air and noise pollution.
- There is no clarity on what segregation infrastructure will be installed on the cycleways.
- I am also somewhat concerned, having reviewed the reports and analysis submitted by the NTA, that a large number of Palmerstown residents in Palmerstown Court, Palmerstown Manor and Whitethorn estate have not been included in the overall modelling, but have been considered to be resident in Ballyfermot.
- I would welcome declared intention from the NTA to engage with local residents if implementation of these proposals proceed.

I trust the above is in order. I have made payment of €50 as required.

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Cllr Shane Moynihan

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