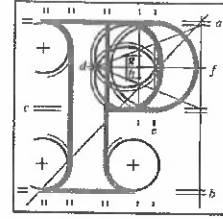


Our Case Number: ABP-314942-22



An
Bord
Pleanála

Garry Nolan
5 Oakcourt Close
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Dublin 20
D20 PX88

Date: 8th February 2023

Re: BusConnects Lucan to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme
Lucan to Dublin City Centre

Dear Sir,

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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Re Planning Application by NTA
Lucan to City Centre Bus corridor.
Observations for your consideration
Palmerston area.

AN BORD PLEANÁLA	
LDG- <u>00571-23</u>	
ABP- _____	
11 JAN 2023	
Fee: € <u>50</u>	Type: <u>PMC</u>
Time: <u>9.20</u>	By: <u>hand</u>

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COMING FROM SCHOOL/PALMERSTOWN DRIVE*
ONTO R.148(N4) (*P.D.)

CARS TRYING TO TURN RIGHT FROM P.D. THEN IMMEDIATELY LEFT ONTO R.148 CAN CURRENTLY CROSS THE YELLOW BOX WHEN TURNING LEFT. FILTER IS ON AS TRAFFIC TURNING RIGHT TOWARDS THE CITY HAS A RED LIGHT.

IF THE FILTER LEFT IS REMOVED THERE WILL BE NO POSSIBILITY TO SAFELY TURN RIGHT FROM P.D. THEN LEFT TO R.148 AS ALL THE TRAFFIC TO R148 WILL BE EXITING ON ONE GREEN LIGHT. THIS ALREADY HAPPENS WHEN THE LEFT FILTER AND MAIN LIGHTS ARE BOTH GREEN BUT THE NEW SYSTEM WILL EXACERBATE THIS TO A PERMANENT PROBLEM.

COMING FROM CITY ON R148 TO TURN LEFT INTO THE OVAL

AT THE MOMENT THERE IS A SHORT SLIP ON THE BUS LANE TO ENABLE TRAFFIC TO TURN LEFT INTO THE OVAL. THERE IS A FILTER LEFT LIGHT BUT IT HAS NEVER OPERATED AS SUCH - IT TURNS GREEN WITH THE GREEN LIGHT FOR ALL TRAFFIC HEADING WEST.

THE NEW SYSTEM MEANS TRAFFIC GOING TO THE OVAL HAS TO REMAIN ON THE MAIN CARRIAGEWAY TO THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS.

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IT WILL THEN HAVE TO WAIT ON A GREEN LIGHT FOR ANY BUSES ETC TO CLEAR THROUGH BEFORE THEY CAN ENTER LEFT INTO THE OVAL. THIS WILL SEVERELY IMPEDE TRAFFIC GOING STRAIGHT AHEAD TOWARDS THE M.50. THERE IS ALSO HIGH POTENTIAL FOR ACCIDENTS AS THE TRAFFIC SLOWS TO TURN INTO THE OVAL.

NEW 26/80 ROUTE FROM R148 INTO THE VILLAGE.

SPEAKING TO PEOPLE THIS IS THE MOST UNPOPULAR PART OF THE OVERALL PLAN.

AS IT STANDS ANYONE GOING TO TOWN ON THE 26 BUS ROUTE CAN CROSS AT THE LIGHTS BESIDE APPLEGREENS.

THE NEW PROPOSED SYSTEM MEANS THEY WILL HAVE TO CROSS AT THE OVAL TOWARDS THE M50 - CROSS AT THE NEW LIGHTS - WALK AROUND TOWARDS THE VILLAGE THEN CROSS THE OLD LUCAN ROAD TO ACCESS THE BUS STOP. A LOT OF PARENTS AND CHILDREN USE THIS 26 BUS AND IT MAKES IT MUCH MORE DANGEROUS, ESPECIALLY FOR UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN.

THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANY CALL FOR A BUS SERVICE IN THIS PART OF THE VILLAGE.

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THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF SUCH A SERVICE BEING REQUESTED BY ANYONE.

THE NEW BUS STOP AT WOODFARM + REDCOW COTTAGES WILL BE AN EYESORE AS THESE HOMES AND BUILDINGS ARE AN AREA OF ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION.

PUTTING THE BUS THROUGH THIS ROUTE IS BOTH UNNECESSARY, UNNEEDED AND A WASTE OF MONETARY RESOURCES.

KENNELSFORT UPPER @ R148 JUNCTION

AT THE MOMENT THERE IS A LEFT TURN FILTER TOWARDS THE M.50. WHICH RUNS GREEN LONGER THAN THE LIGHT FOR GOING STRAIGHT ACROSS TO THE VILLAGE AND TURNING RIGHT. THIS IS VERY NECESSARY AS MUCH MORE TRAFFIC TURNS TOWARDS THE M.50.

IF THE FILTER IS REMOVED ALL THE TRAFFIC WILL STOP TOGETHER CREATING MORE OFTEN TAILBACKS AND ALSO MUCH LONGER - THE TRAFFIC ALREADY TAILBACKS A HALF MILE EVERY DAY AT BUSY TIMES.

THIS WILL SEND TRAFFIC INTO WHEATFIELD ROAD TO RAT-RUN TO THE OVAL/R148 JUNCTION WHICH IS PROBLEMATIC PER MY PREVIOUS REMARKS.

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PS Our Bopper Beach trees are a magnificent sight on the R148 and it would be totally going against all aspects of Biodiversity to take away these very mature trees especially when its only to free up area for a two year project.