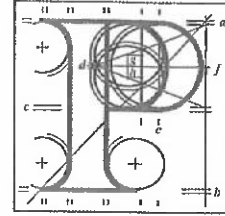


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**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

David O'Mahony  
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Dublin 20

**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,

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Dear Sir / Madam,

This is a submission regarding the proposed **BusConnects Lucan to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme**.

I am a lifelong resident of Palmerstown with a young family, and I am a frequent bus user and cyclist. Although I support the BusConnects project overall, and can see the real benefits that the scheme is already offering throughout the city, I wish to raise a few issues regarding the above scheme that I believe would have a detrimental impact on the residents of Palmerstown:

- Removal of the left turn for general traffic at pedestrian bridge so that traffic exiting the village can no longer turn towards the city. I believe that extinguishing the left-hand turn will lead to huge delays especially at peak times such as after Mass, or after a large funeral / wedding. Also compounding this will be the fact that there is ongoing development of a significant number of apartments at this location, and recent planning approval for a hotel - all of which will lead to a huge increase in traffic levels crossing and entering the R148. This change will push any city bound traffic to the Applegreen junction which is a small tight junction and as part of this project will have a new inbound lane inserted for buses.
- Toucan crossing at pedestrian bridge. I do not understand why there will be a new pedestrian crossing put in place here when there is an existing pedestrian bridge, which according to the plans will be upgraded with less of a walkover required. This will increase the time that it takes traffic to go through the junction from every direction and cause further tailbacks up and down Kennelsfort road at peak times.
- The new bus entrance for bus route into Palmerstown village at Applegreen / Oval junction which would mean buses will turn right from R148 towards the village. It makes little sense to me why a bus is being routed through the historic Palmerstown village area for one stop, and the associated additional traffic light changes that will need to take place because of this. This will not improve any bus route as buses will end up sitting in traffic on the old Lucan road, and alongside the shops in the village at peak times.
- It is unclear to me whether or not there is a removal, or reduction of space, of the left filter exiting from the Oval onto R148. If this junction is to be modified in this way it will have a huge impact on traffic, especially at peak times throughout the day due to the presence of the two national schools. There is already a significant traffic issue at peak school times which increases the risk of an accident involving children, and causing more traffic to pile up at this location will only make this worse.

- The removal of car parking spaces along old Lucan road to facilitate cycle lane. I believe that this in conjunction with the bus route through the village will lead to difficulty for local residents especially at peak times and during Mass times around the church.

So what we now see as delays at peak times would turn into delays throughout most of the day in my opinion, which will make life unbearable for residents of the village and the whole Palmerstown area. It could also lead to increased risk of an accident around the national schools if capacity of the adjoining junctions is to be reduced in any way.

I believe that the overall improvements to bus service and cycling infrastructure are welcomed by the vast majority of people but this cannot be at the expense of local communities by making pinch points such as the above locations much worse.

I ask that you please consider my submission as a concerned long-term resident of Palmerstown with a young family.

Thanks

David O'Mahony