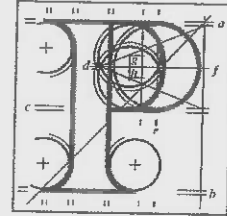


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An
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Palmerstown Meitheal Tidy Towns
C/O John O'Gorman
61 Palmerstown Green
Palmerstown Court
Dublin 20

Date: 9th 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 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
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7th January 2023

The Secretary
An Bord Pleanála
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64 Marlborough Street
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Re: Lucan to City Centre Bus Corridor

A chara,

This is a submission on behalf of members of the Palmerstown Meitheal Tidy Towns group in response to the National Transport Authority's planning application in relation to the above initiative, and in particular to the proposals for Palmerstown. We feel that the work we do throughout the parish gives us a unique insight into the life and requirements of Palmerstown.

We would like to address three specific items.

Rerouting of the 26 (soon to be 80) bus service through Palmerstown Village and associated developments.

We have been unable to locate any documented demand for this proposal. Furthermore, the character and atmosphere of the village will be completely destroyed by the introduction of this bus service operating in both directions at 15 minute intervals through the village.

There is no obvious benefit to the people of Palmerstown in this change of route. Rather the extension of the route through the village will further negatively impact on a bus service already subject to the vagaries of traffic on Kennelsfort Road.

In fact, most of the associated work entailing relocation of pedestrian crossings, road widening, etc will be unnecessary, should it be decided that this reroute does not take place, thereby eliminating further grief for our residents and businesses.

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The Removal of the Filter Left at the Kennelsfort Road/R148 junction

The proposed removal of the filter left from Kennelsfort Rd onto the R148 will have a huge impact on traffic using Kennelsfort Road, which serves as access to the R148 from the following areas: Woodfarm Acres, Palmerstown Park (including the Doctor's Surgery, Palmerstown Shopping Centre), Palmerstown Court, Palmerstown Manor, Oak Court, Cherry Orchard Industrial Estate, Wheatfield Road (and by extension Palmerstown Avenue and Turret Road).

The removal of the filter left will result in the addition of a significant number of cars to an already overloaded traffic stream on Kennelsfort Road, which in turn will have a very significant negative impact on the 26 bus service, in addition to placing further constraints on to the access to the aforementioned estates, most of which have only one entry/exit route.

This route is the principal access for our residents who wish to visit the Village, and use the R148/N4 dual carriageway for access eastward to Chapelizod, the Phoenix Park and the city, and westward to Lucan, Leixlip, Celbridge, the M50, the airport and beyond.

In addition, the current single cycle lane from Kennelsfort Rd Upper across the R148 to Kennelsfort Road Lower will change to a double cycle lane, forcing cyclists to cross over to the other side of the road, which has obvious safety concerns.

Changes at The Oval

The Oval serves as the entry/exit, not just to the immediate area of Palmerstown Drive, Culmore Road, the National Schools and the Creche, but also to Manor Road (including the Doctor's Surgery and the shopping area), Glenmaroon Road, Glenaulin Road, Wheatfield Road, Palmerstown Avenue and Turret Road, in addition to the sports fields in Glenaulin Park.

The removal of the two Filters Left to/from the R148 will have a similar impact to that on Kennelsfort Road. However, the removal of the filter left for traffic from the city westbound will have an even greater significance for both residents and traffic on the R148. Motorists attempting to enter The Oval will have to wait until the inner bus lane is vacant before attempting the left turn into The Oval, which, given the level of bus activity in that lane (C Spine to Adamstown, Lucan, Leixlip, Maynooth etc) may be a considerable time. This will in turn have totally unacceptable delays to westbound traffic on the other two lanes on the R148, particularly in the late afternoon and early evening

when traffic levels are currently very heavy daily, when traffic can be backed up as far back as the Inchicore junction.

Another proposed change at The Oval should the 26 bus reroute take place, is the removal of the bus stop at Palmerstown Drive. This will force residents, and in particular schoolchildren and older people who live south of the R148, to exit the bus in the village, and then have to walk back across the dual carriageway, which has obvious health and safety concerns.

In addition, the removal of the bus stop at the Applegreen service station to the Village means the older residents of the above locations will have a much longer walk to access the 26 bus to the Chapelizod Medical Centre, the Phoenix Park, and the athletic and boat clubs on the Liffey.

In summation, therefore, it is our view that the proposed scheme should be revisited, and the concerns we have outlined above be taken into consideration, before any decision is made by An Bord Pleanala.

Please find enclosed the required €50 fee.

Yours sincerely,



John O'Gorman

On behalf of members of Palmerstown Meitheal