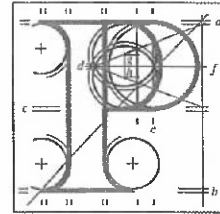


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**An
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D20 V184

Date: 13 January 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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Lucan to City Centre Bus Corridor Observation Submission

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The 26 route has been running successfully for years, there has been no evidence provided in the submission of either the need or desire from the residents of Palmerstown to have this service routed through the village. The majority of the changes proposed for which we are submitting observations against would not be valid if there was no plans to route the 26 bus through the village. Again there is no desire from the residents of Palmerstown for this change.

The reduction of the N4 to a single lane at the M50 interchange (both east and west bound) will lead to significant traffic congestion, increased accidents, environmental and noise pollution.

After reviewing the proposed plans for the Lucan to City Centre Bus Corridor we would like to submit the following observations.

- Removal of the bus stop at the drive. This is an extremely well used bus stop and removing this will leave a sizeable proportion of 'old Palmerstown' which consists of an older population with severely reduced bus access and/or longer walk times to the bus stop.
- 26 Bus will need to cross 2 lanes of traffic across the N4 to turn right into Palmerstown village – This will add to already excessive traffic congestion exiting from town on the N4 . Safety concerns with having a bus crossing two lanes of busy traffic and added road congestion.
- Removal of slip road for left turning cars from N4 to Oval – Will cause delays of traffic on N4 as cars will need to wait for buses to go past before turning left, this is extremely dangerous and will lead to accidents at this junction. This is currently a slip road and this must remain in place.
- There is no need to alter the road at this junction to allow busses to access the Old Lucan Road at the Applegreen petrol station as there is no desire from the residents of Palmerstown to have the bus routed through the village.
- The proposed plant storage / works area at the green space at top of Palmerstown Drive/Oval is a health and safety risk to the students of the 2 large primary schools in the area.
- There is no clarity in the plan of what is happening to the left filter light from the Oval to the N4. If the filter is removed this will cause additional traffic congestion which is a safety risk to the Primary school children in the area and will result in more noise and environmental pollution in Palmerstown.
- Woodfarm and Redcow cottages are a protected conservation area. The routing of an unwanted bus through this short section, along with all the associated works particularly the bus shelters outside Woodfarm Cottages and the potential introduction of bollards and other street furniture will have a considerable visual impact on the historic village area.

- Old Lucan Road – Millbrook Apartments and Woodfarm Cottages proposed new bus stops are parallel to each other, should buses be servicing both stops at the same time there does not appear to be sufficient space for cars to pass. Also as a result of these plans this road will be the only exit option from Palmerstown Village to the Oval or Eastbound to Dublin/Chapelizod There is no want or desire to have the bus routed through this part of the village.
- Revised parking outside Redcow cottages from parallel to straight will create more spaces but will make it more difficult for the elderly residents of this area to access their cars.
- Reduced parking on the North Side of the Old Lucan Road to facilitate the cycle lane. There will be nowhere to park while attending St Philomena's Church and other facilities in Palmerstown village.
- Routing the 26 service through Palmerstown village has a major environmental impact to the area.
- The N4 is a major artery to and from Dublin the addition of a new pedestrian/cycling crossing at the Kennelsfort Road/N4 junction should not be at road level. A pedestrian crossing at this junction will lead to significant traffic congestion as this will have to be part of the lighting sequence. This is already an extremely dangerous junction where cars continually break lights and this will add an increased safety hazard for pedestrians and cyclists. There is an adequate footbridge which should be modified for cyclists, or a second bridge built.
- There is no clarity in the plan of what is happening to the left filter light from Kennelsfort Road Upper to the N4. If the filter is removed this will cause additional traffic congestion on Kennelsfort Road Upper with added environmental pollution in the area.
- Eastbound traffic from Lucan to Palmerstown over the M50 junction is proposed to be reduced to single lane traffic. As a main artery to Dublin it makes no sense to facilitate a bus lane for a few hundred meters, this is dangerous and will lead to accidents and further congestion of traffic at an already busy junction.
- West bound traffic from Palmerstown to Lucan over the M50 junction is proposed to be reduced to a single lane of traffic. As a main artery from Dublin it makes no sense to facilitate a bus lane for a few hundred meters, this is dangerous and will lead to accidents and further congestion of traffic at an already busy junction.

To reiterate the points made above there has been no evidence or data provided from the residents of Palmerstown to have the current 26 bus routed through the village. The majority of the observations above would not be valid if the bus was not being routed through the village also the proposed reduction of the N4 to a single lane of traffic (both east and west bound) at the M50 intersection is a major concern.

Please take these observations into consideration when reviewing this proposal.

Best Regards

Craig , Joanne, Amie and Dawn