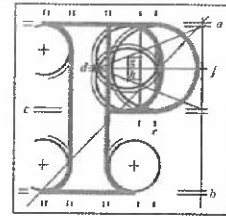


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Date: 17 January 2023

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 Core Bus Corridor Scheme

Dear Inspector,

I am a small business owner in Palmerstown Village. My business depends on customers being able to easily access the business. I have particular concerns regarding ease of access to the village area, the loss of parking spaces and the impact on my business during the construction phase.

Impact on Business during construction

There are no mitigation measures visible to me to explain how the NTA intends to protect businesses during the construction phase of the cycle lanes and footpath realignment on Kennelsfort road lower. It should be a condition of planning that works are separated from the storefronts by hoarding to act as a barrier to dirt and dust as well as noise that will inevitably affect peoples ability to shop and trade. It should be a condition of the planning that agreements are reached with the local business and residential community to ensure dirt and dust is managed with regular window and street cleaning.

Heritage Village

Palmerstown Village is a heritage location and the presence of specific street lamps carrying the County crest and heritage tops must be protected and replaced if affected in any way during works. The opportunity presents itself to remove obsolete overhead cables and improve the streetscape along with the straightening of the Kennelsfort road lower footpath which is welcome.

Pedestrian safety

The provision of a safe pedestrian crossing point on Kennelsfort road lower is welcome. The existing speed limit signage at the location appears as 30kph entering the village and 60kph exiting the village. There should be no 60kph signage in the village as it presents an illusion that the speed limit is 60kph in places within the northern side of the R148, which it is not. I have concerns regarding vehicles from the Strategic Housing Development using the T-junction at Kennelsfort road lower and Old Lucan road to U-turn and exit the village from Kennelsfort road lower, this will reduce pedestrian safety but is more likely to occur because all vehicles will now exit the apartments at Kennelsfort road lower and the Oval junction to the east of the village will be busier due to the proposed no left exit on Kennelsfort road lower.

Loss of 18 Bus Service

Bus users want the easiest and quickest route to their destination. The removal of the 18 bus from the west side of Palmerstown Village will result in a more cumbersome route connecting Palmerstown to Ballyfermot Primary Health Care Centre at Cherry Orchard Hospital Campus, a vital service for families and particularly older members of the community. As well as the local Post Primary School, Children travel to Drimnagh & Walkinstown schools and they will be severely discommoded by this change.

Proposed single lane westbound on R148

The existing arrangement works perfectly fine for the westbound bus to travel in the main traffic lane. There is no obvious reason other than simply to have a dedicated bus lane, to implement this change. The negative effect will be that village traffic exiting from Kennelsfort road lower will be delayed as priority is given to traffic on the R148 and reducing the lanes available means traffic is backed up further.

Conclusion

The ease of access and egress from Palmerstown Village is a key element of people's decisions on where to spend their money. The protection of shopfronts and pedestrians as well as the heritage in the area should feature as conditions of any planning permission granted.

Regards

Tom Sweetman

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Palmerstown Village