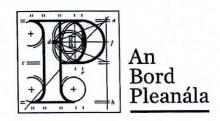
Our Case Number: ABP-317121-23



Ian Croft 2 Santry Close Santry Dublin 9

Date: 18 July 2023

Re: BusConnects Swords to City Centre Bus Corridor Scheme

Swords to Dublin City Centre

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above-mentioned proposed road development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

Please note that the proposed road development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it or approved it with modifications.

The Board has also received an application for confirmation of a compulsory purchase order which relates to this proposed road development. The Board has absolute discretion to hold an oral hearing in respect of any application before it, in accordance with section 218 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Accordingly, the Board will inform you in due course on this matter. The Board shall also make a decision on both applications at the same time.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Executive Officer

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Re: Objection to Planning Application [Planning Reference Number: 317121] for the Development of a Bus Terminus in Santry

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally lodge an objection to the planning application [Planning Reference Number: 317121] for the proposed development of a bus terminus on the greenspace in Santry. I am deeply concerned about the potential adverse impact this development may have on the existing traffic congestion issues in the area.

Firstly, I object to the proposed location of the bus terminus due to its detrimental effect on the already severe traffic congestion in Santry. The convergence of Oak Avenue with traffic from Centra Grocery Store and Oak View housing estate is a highly challenging junction to navigate, especially during peak hours. Introducing a bus terminus in this congested area would only worsen the existing problems, making it even more difficult for vehicles to manoeuvre through the junction and causing significant delays.

Furthermore, the presence of a busy shop in close proximity to the proposed bus terminus would further compound the congestion issues. The constant influx of customers and delivery vehicles already puts significant strain on the surrounding road network. Adding a bus terminus to this mix would only intensify the traffic flow, leading to more congestion and potential safety hazards.

It is also important to note that the proposed development site is adjacent to two housing developments, which have already been approved. With Circle Housing having acquired these sites, the imminent construction and subsequent arrival of new residents will inevitably contribute to increased traffic volumes in the area. There is also a development of 35 apartments approved at Lilmar industrial estate (east end of Oak Ave.) which ought to be taken into account also. Considering the existing congestion issues, it is crucial to refrain from introducing any further development (which may exacerbate traffic congestion), such as the proposed bus terminus, until the infrastructure can adequately support the increased demand.

Given these concerns, I respectfully request that the Board Pleanála reject the planning application [Planning Reference Number: 317121] for the bus terminus development in Santry. The potential negative consequences on traffic congestion, the challenging junction, and the nearby busy shop, combined with the forthcoming housing developments, make it clear that the proposed development is ill-suited for the area.

I trust that the Board Pleanála will give thorough consideration to this objection and carefully evaluate the implications of the proposed bus terminus on the existing traffic congestion and overall well-being of the local community. I kindly request to be kept informed of any further developments or decisions regarding this planning application.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Ian Croft