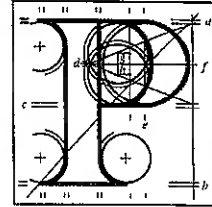


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Date: 21 September 2023

Re: Busconnects Kimmage to city centre core bus corridor scheme
Kimmage, Dublin

Dear Sir,

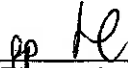
An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission (including your fee of €50) in relation to the above-mentioned proposed road development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

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 officer of the Board at laps@pleanala.ie

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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The Secretary, An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902

Subject: Objection to the Proposed Closure of Ravensdale Park and Poddle Park Junction to Vehicular Traffic

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally express my objection to the proposed closure of the junction between Ravensdale Park and Poddle Park to vehicular traffic, which is part of the larger Kimmage BusConnects scheme being considered by the NTA. While I appreciate the efforts to improve the community and promote alternative transportation options, I believe that this specific aspect of the proposal raises several concerns that warrant reconsideration.

My objections are as follows:

1. **Increased Traffic on Residential Roads:** The closure of Ravensdale Park and Poddle Park junction to vehicular traffic is likely to lead to increased traffic on other residential roads in the vicinity. It is important to recognize that the existing traffic will not simply vanish, but rather, it may be rerouted onto neighbouring streets, potentially burdening these areas with additional congestion and safety concerns.
2. **Traffic Diversion and Impact on the Proposed Cycleway:** The proposed closure could result in traffic diversion onto the newly proposed Poddle cycleway, particularly affecting the 200 metres of road that would no longer have through traffic access. This could potentially lead to congestion issues and impact the safety of cyclists. I am concerned that vehicles seeking to avoid road closures may follow a route through Ravensdale Park, Cashel Road, Stannaway Road, and Clonard Road, ultimately merging with the cycleway.
3. **Safety Concerns at Sundrive Road:** The proposed cycleway, as outlined, presents a significant safety challenge where it needs to cross Sundrive Road. This road is already known for its high traffic volume, and with the planned bus gate on Kimmage Road lower redirecting traffic towards Stannaway Road, the cycleway will have to coexist with additional vehicular traffic. While the safety audit in Appendix M2 addresses some of these concerns in section 3.11, it may not adequately account for the expected increase in traffic on this route.
4. **Social Equity Considerations:** I wish to raise a concern about the potential perception of classism in the decision to close a road that serves as a vital link between Dublin 12 and Dublin 6. It is essential to consider the impact of this closure on residents who rely on this route for access to various amenities and businesses.

In light of these concerns, I kindly request that the An Bord Pleanála/NTA reevaluates the proposed closure of Ravensdale Park and Poddle Park junction to vehicular traffic. I believe that a comprehensive assessment of the traffic impact, safety considerations, and the potential social implications should be conducted before moving forward with this aspect of the scheme.

I appreciate your attention to these matters and trust that you will carefully consider the objections raised in this letter. I look forward to receiving further information regarding the decision-making process and any opportunities for public input.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ciarán Coffey