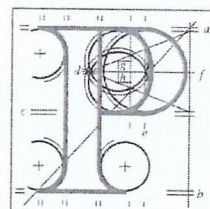


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**An  
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**Date:** 08 December 2023

**Re:** Bus Connects Kimmage to City Centre core bus corridor scheme  
Kimmage, Dublin

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 at [laps@pleanala.ie](mailto: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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**Re. Appeal related to "Kimmage to city centre core bus corridor scheme"<sup>1</sup> under the BusConnects Plan**

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for accepting my appeal to An Bord Pleanála.

I am specifically writing to appeal to the proposed blocking off of Derravaragh Road and Corrib Road from their existing road access to Terenure village, through the erection of bollards at the Corrib Road/Derravaragh Road junction. These proposed plans are included in the BusConnects 'Kimmage Scheme' (though the roads in question are in Terenure).

The proposed plans to erect bollards at the junction of Derravaragh Road and Corrib Road would cut off my house and over 100 surrounding houses from Terenure village by car and have a negative impact on these properties and their access to vital services and amenities.

The BusConnects plans were, to my knowledge, never publicly explained or presented to residents in my area. There have been no public meetings held to discuss the benefits of the plan or the rationale behind the measures being proposed. Similarly, there has been no opportunity for residents to input into the plans, other than to spend €50 appealing to An Bord Pleanála as I am now doing. This represents an extremely poor public planning and consultation process. I only was made aware of the proposed bollards after seeing a very small sign on a pole on Corrib Road. Placing such a small sign on the road in the Winter when few people are out in daylight hours if they are working can hardly be considered community engagement on such an important issue as vehicular access. For such

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<sup>1</sup> [https://kimmagescheme.ie/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2023/10/NTA\\_26thOct-Kimmage\\_6pp.pdf](https://kimmagescheme.ie/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2023/10/NTA_26thOct-Kimmage_6pp.pdf)

a major change to over 100 houses' access to their local village, I would have expected direct communication with households would be made by planners.

Under the BusConnects plans, bollards will be erected on the Derravaragh Road/Corrib Road junction, as per the image below.



The proposed bollards would mean only a single point of access to the area, which includes Sunshine Park and parts of Corrib Road and Derravaragh Road (as illustrated below). This will cause traffic bottlenecks at this narrow single point of entry point (on Corrib Road), as well as increased traffic along the already highly congested Kimmage Road and at the Kimmage Road Crossroads.

Cutting the area off from the existing point of access on Terenure Road West and Corrib Road will increase travel times to a number of important resources, which many residents regularly travel to for essential purposes. It would add significant delays to those residents who travel to St Vincent's Hospital, the Blackrock Clinic, the Beacon Hospital and University College Dublin for example.

The consultation document states that the bollards are being erected in order to prevent cars cutting through the area during periods of high traffic. This goal could be achieved by introducing turning restrictions at certain peak times of the day on Terenure Rd W, as has been done on other nearby roads.

I was informed via email by a local Councillor that the installation of the Bus Gate below the Ravensdale junction on the Lr. Kimmage Road was recently reduced from a 24 hour restriction to a peak hours only restriction (from 6am-10am and 4pm-8pm 7 days a week). Therefore, it is unjustifiable to continue with the planned permanent cutting off of Derravaragh/Corrib Rd area when the Bus Gate itself (the main driver in creating cut-through traffic) will not be in place at all

times. Turning restrictions could be introduced at the times during which the Bus Gate is operational. Anything more than this has no basis related to BusConnects and would be an extreme and unfounded.

Residents on other roads in Terenure have had turning restrictions implemented and have retained their vehicular access rights. The nearby Aideen Avenue for example, has signs restricting right turns between certain hours. Additionally, Terenure Park and Hannaville Park both have no rights turns at peak hours to prevent cut-through traffic. This achieves the aim of preventing cars cutting through, while ensuring the residents of Eaton Square, Mayfield Park, Terenure Park etc., all retain their vehicular access rights. I fail to see why the Derravaragh/Corrib Rd area should be treated any differently, considering the potential problem identified pertains to traffic on the exact same road (Terenure Road W) and with the exact same goal.

Turning restrictions would prevent traffic cutting through the area at peak times when the Bus Gate is operational, while retaining residents' existing access to Terenure village, preventing bottlenecks at Corrib Road and reducing unnecessary left turn traffic at the KCR for cars wishing to travel east.

Introducing bollards and restricting the access of all vehicles is an extreme measure. There are other options aside from bollards and turning restrictions which the BusConnects plans does not seem to consider at all. For example, in other capital cities such as London, 'residents' only' traffic restrictions are implemented via fines.

Under the South Fulham Traffic, Congestion and Pollution Reduction Scheme (TCPR), drivers from outside the area can be fined £130, reduced to £65 if paid within 28 days, if they use certain roads to the east of Wandsworth Bridge Road (WBR). *"This aims to discourage out-of-borough motorists from using residential streets as cut-throughs. It uses smart technology cameras (number plate readers) to reduce pollution and congestion in the streets to the west of Wandsworth Bridge Road."*<sup>2</sup>

There is no need to go immediately to the extreme measure of closing off roads and permanently removing the access rights of residents when there are multiple alternative options that could be introduced instead.

I have lived in Terenure my whole life, I grew up in the village and purchased my house recently in this area on the basis of access to Terenure and proximity to family.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/transport-and-roads/clean-air-neighbourhoods/south-fulham-clean-air-neighbourhood-project>

My parents, who live nearby in Terenure, are both very unwell at the moment and receiving regular hospital treatments. I require road access to reach them in order to bring them to frequent hospital appointments and check in on them regularly. The proposed bollards in question would add significant time to my being able to reach them. While currently there are no traffic lights between my parents' house and my own, the planned bollards would mean I would have to pass through 3 sets of traffic lights in order to reach my family, that is after likely waiting in traffic at Corrib Road in order to get out onto Kimmage Road.

I am asking that An Bord Pleanála reject the plans to restrict access to Derravaragh/Corrib Rd to a single point of entry and exit through the erection of bollards at the Derravaragh/Corrib Rd junction. The same objective could be met by introducing turning restrictions at specific times related to the Bus Gate on Terenure Road/Hazelbrook Rd or residents-only access measures could be considered in order to achieve the aim of preventing cut through traffic while allowing residents to retain vehicular access to their local village.

Thank you for considering this appeal.

Best wishes,

Elisha O'Brien