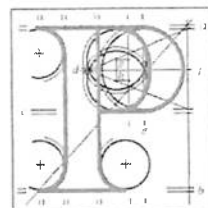


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**An  
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Hugh Kearns  
25 Moeran Road  
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**Date:** 20 December 2023

**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.

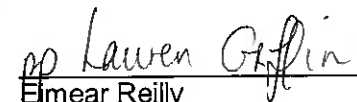
Please note that the proposed road development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it or approved it with modifications.

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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Ref Kimmage to City Centre Bus Corridor Bord Pleanála Case reference: HA29N.317660

I wish to make the following submission regarding the proposals for the Kimmage to City Centre Bus Corridor, Bord Pleanála Case reference: HA29N.317660.

#### **Operating Hours of Bus Gates**

The proposed operating times of the Bus Gates of 06.00-10.00 and 16.00-20.00 are a welcome reduction from the original 24/7 proposal but I feel there is no need for these bus gates to be in operation seven days a week when commuter traffic to the city centre is greatly reduced. The 10.00am finish time of the morning Bus Gate will impact on access to businesses, doctor's, dentist's surgeries and religious services at Mount Argus.

#### **Parking**

NTA states:

**"6.4.6.1.2.4 Parking and Loading •** There are currently 22 informal, part-time parking spaces southwest of the R817 Kimmage Road Lower / Sundrive Road Junction, adjacent to the R817 Kimmage Road Lower southbound carriageway. It is proposed to remove a total of six spaces, and to allow full-time use of the remaining 16 spaces. 52 offstreet permit parking spaces will be available on the opposite side of the street and most residential properties have off-street parking at the rear. The impact of removing six part-time spaces, balanced against the enhancement to full-time for the remaining 16 spaces, is assessed as having a Negligible."

The 52 parking spaces referred to are privately owned from nos. 177-199 Kimmage Road Lower. There has been no engagement or consultation from NTA in relation to these spaces. They are in use seven days a week due to the varying businesses in operation and the fact that nine of the properties also have residents who have cars or require use of their own car parking spaces – this is continuing the mixed-use purpose of the design of these properties that dates back to the 1930's. My mother is one of the

original residents of these properties at 185 Kimmage Road Lower and is landlord of the Regal Barbers, which relies on customers who attend pm foot and by car. What legal right has NTA to say that these spaces will be available for other users when they are the property of the owners of these properties? If these were “traditional” driveways with walls and gates it would be akin to NTA saying that other residents can park in them.

### **Comparative Analysis of adjacent Bus Corridors**

The Kimmage to City Centre Bus Corridor is between the Crumlin Bus Corridor and the Rathfarnham/Terenure Bus Corridor. NTA has not carried out, or at least not published, any analysis of the impacts of running these three corridors in parallel to each other. There will be an influx of diverted traffic to neighbouring roads of all three schemes. This was raised repeatedly at the Public Consultations conducted by NTA since 2019 and there has been no evidence of response or action from NTA on this. Decisions on these three corridors should be deferred until NTA has carried out the analysis, published findings and carried out public consultation.

### **Cycleway Proposal**

The proposed cycle route away from Kimmage Road Lower, through Ravensdale Park etc. and on through the Mount Argus estate is impractical and destined to become a white elephant – commuting cyclists will not divert to a slow winding route when they can continue their journey straight along Kimmage Road Lower to the city centre.

I understand that previous submissions to NTA in respect of this Bus Corridor will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála.

Hugh Kearns

