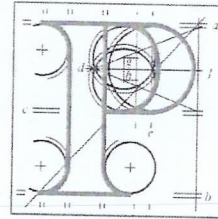


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Paul Cashman
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Date: 08 December 2023

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.

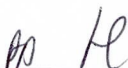
Please note that the proposed road development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it or approved it with modifications.

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

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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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to submit an objection to the Kimmage to City Centre bus corridor – specifically relating to Plot list 1002(1).1g, 1002(2).2a, 1002(3).2g

My primary concerns are as follows

- No full explanation on how it affects the apartments at Mount Argus Square has been provided. For instance, it removes where the communal bins and bike storage are, with no alternatives. Also unclear how NTA will ensure this doesn't compromise security at Mount Argus Square Apartments
- Makes an already busy part of Sundrive Road even busier, with a cycle lane slowing down traffic and is within meters of the exit from Supervalu shopping centre. This seems quite dangerous beside a Montessori school and numerous other small businesses reliant on footfall. I can't think of anywhere where a cycle corridor crosses a busy intersection right beside a large shopping centre.
- Numerous safety measures were brought in over the past 15 years, at expense by residents of Mt Argus Square, due to criminality on laneway beside Gallery 23, and breaks ins via illegal access from Sundrive Road (numerous calls to Gardai at Sundrive Road over the previous ten years can back this up). This will undo all of this work. There were also issue with petty crime / groups of teenagers gathering at Stoneboat; they will now have access to this again.
- The part of the Poddle to be covered up has been a haven for various birds and animals. Ducks tend to nest here as its safer than the park. It also runs onto a mature part of the riverbank, again with lots of animals living there etc. This will be ruined by cycleway.
- As a cyclist myself, I have been cycling in that area for over 15years, and always exited Mount Argus via the main gates onto Lower Kimmage Road rather than through park to get into Dublin city and I can't see this changing. It is quicker (due to lights at end of Mount Argus Road), easier (wider road) and safer (less pedestrians / parked cars) . I don't see this changing, so in essence, this will result in a rat run for cyclists to avoid lights at Sundrive Road / Lower Kimmage Road crossroads only. This makes it very unsafe, not only for cyclists, but also for residents and the school children who cut across the park. It also renders the whole project a bit pointless.

On a separate note, the proposal to remove access to five points crossroads from Kenilworth Square removes access to Harolds Cross for all residents between Rathgar and Leinster Road (as you can't turn on to Harold's Cross from Rathgar Avenue anyway). It's also nonsensical from the point of view of the blockage of Brighton Road on Terenure Road just announced by DCC. Some joined up thinking between DCC and NTA would be beneficial before so much money is spent on these plans.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Cashman

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