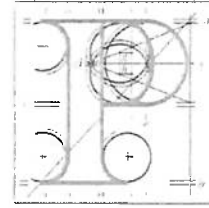


Our Case Number: ABP-317660-23



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Simeon Rimmer & Sheila Hourigan
4 Greenmount Avenue
Harold's Cross
D12 X299

Date: 02 November 2023

Re: Busconnects 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.

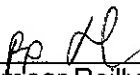
Please note that the proposed road development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it or approved it with modifications.

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

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

Yours faithfully,



Eimear Reilly
Executive Officer
Direct Line: 01-8737184

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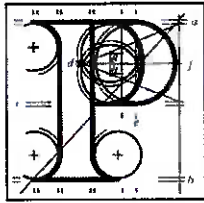
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Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

Observer's details

1. Observer's details (person making the observation)

If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.

If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

(a) Observer's
name

Simeon Rimmer & Sheila Hourigan

(b) Observer's
postal address

4 Greenmount Avenue
Harold's Cross
Dublin
D12X299

Agent's details

2. Agent's details (if applicable)

If you are an agent and are acting for someone else **on this observation**, please **also** write your details below.

If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

Not applicable

(b) Agent's postal
address

Not applicable

Observation details

5. Grounds

Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below. There is **no word limit** as the box expands to fit what you write.

You can also insert photographs or images in this box. (See part 6 – Supporting materials for more information).

Hi

We submitted the email below to BusConnects on 19/11/2020 as part of the consultation process. We got an automated email response but have heard nothing since.

The BusConnects submission to ABP does not address our concerns in any way.

In addition, inviting observations and then not responding to them undermines the whole public engagement part of the SID planning process.

We would like ABP to make planning permission for this project contingent on addressing the concerns laid out in our email below.

Best Regards
Simeon Rimmer & Sheila Hourigan

Hi

We are writing to you about a concern we have relating to the proposed BusConnects plan in the Harold's Cross Road area.

Background

We live on Greenmount Avenue, which connects Harold's Cross Road to Parnell Road via Greenmount Lane.

Unfortunately this connection provides a "rat run" for traffic wishing to avoid the main junction between Harold's Cross Road and Parnell Road, and the queues preceding it.

The two streets are residential, with 30km/h speed limits and Greenmount Lane is very narrow.

In addition to local residents, the streets are used extensively by vulnerable

5. Grounds

people, including disabled residents of the neighbouring Focus Ireland Greenmount Close scheme and children attending St Clare's school on Harold's Cross road. The number of children is likely to increase very substantially with the opening of the new Harold's Cross Educate Together school.

Impact of new BusConnects Proposal

The proposed new layout of Harold's Cross road and changes to the traffic lights between Harold's Cross Road and Parnell Road will increase the incentive for private drivers to use Greenmount Avenue & Lane. Drivers will wish to avoid increased queues or waits at the lights resulting from the bus priority light, and to get around the new "no-right-turn" as you approach the canal from Harold's Cross Road.

We believe the increase in traffic along Greenmount Avenue and Lane will not only reduce our residential amenity, but will be dangerous for all road users, especially pedestrians and cyclists.

We did not raise this issue at the previous consultation because the previous proposal included a cycle lane along Greenmount Lane, which would likely have closed the lane to vehicular traffic.

Request

Therefore, we request that you include measures in the revised plan to mitigate the impact on traffic along Greenmount Avenue and Lane.

The existing "no-right-turn" sign on Parnell Road before the turning to Greenmount Lane seems to have little effect, so our personal preference would be for bollards to block all vehicular traffic at the junction of Greenmount Avenue and Greenmount Lane. However, we appreciate that other residents may have different views and we would welcome any proposals that would achieve a similar result.

If there is anything unclear in this letter we'd be happy to discuss on the telephone.

Best Regards
Simeon & Sheila

Simeon Rimmer & Sheila Hourigan
4 Greenmount Avenue
Harold's Cross
Dublin 12
0872 122 102

Supporting materials

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
 - plans,
 - surveys,
 - drawings,
 - digital videos or DVDs,
 - technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

You can insert photographs and similar items in your observation details: grounds (part 5 of this form).

If your supporting materials are physical objects, you must send them together with your observation by post or deliver it in person to our office. You cannot use the online uploader facility.

Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct fee is included with your observation.

Observers (except prescribed bodies)
strategic infrastructure observation is €50.
there is no fee for an oral hearing request

Oral hearing request

8. If you wish to request the Board to hold an oral hearing, please tick the "Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing" box below.

You can find information on how to make this request on our [website](#) or by contacting us.

If you do not wish to request an oral hearing, please tick the "No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing" box.

Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing

No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing

Final steps before you send us your observations

9. If you are sending us your observation using the **online uploader facility**, remember to save this document as a Microsoft word or PDF and title it with:

the case number and your name, or

the name and location of the development and your name.

This also applies to prescribed bodies sending an observation by email.

If you are sending your observation to us by post or delivering in person, remember to print off all the pages of this document and send it to us.

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Initials		Initials	
Date		Date	

Notes

Postal address for letters

3. During the process to decide the application, we will post information and items to you or to your agent. For this **current application**, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only)

You (the observer) at the postal address in Part 1

The agent at the postal address in Part 2

Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the **current application** you wish to make an observation.

- (a) **An Bord Pleanála case number for the current application (if available)**
(for example: 300000)

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- (b) **Name or description of proposed development**

Busconnects Kimmage to city centre core bus corridor scheme

- (c) **Location of proposed development**

(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

Harold's Cross Road and environs