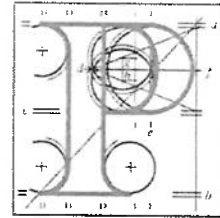


Our Case Number: ABP-317660-23



**An
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Pleanála**

Anna Rackard
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D6W P260

Date: 11 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.

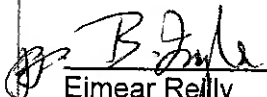
Please note that the proposed road development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it or approved it with modifications.

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

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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Kimmage to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme Compulsory Purchase Order 2023,

Proposed public right of way restriction at Corrib & Derravaragh road. Drawing No. 0011-DM-0002.

Anna Rackard, 91 Corrib Road, Terenure, D6W P260.

This is a letter of observation to the proposed planning at the Corrib and Derravaragh road junction, case no 317660. (Planning Drawing no 0011-DM-0002)

I am a resident of Corrib road and live on Sunshine park.

The vehicle access and egress from Corrib Road / Derravaragh road is an invaluable option for our residents and blocking this is an issue for the following reasons.

The proposed restriction of access at Corrib/Derravaragh Road will restrict traffic to only one way in and out of Corrib road. There would be approximately 125 houses using this one access point.

This will create a bottleneck of traffic at the junction of Corrib road and the R817 (Kimmage road Upper).

More traffic using that junction will add to the build-up of traffic on the R817, this slows the traffic down on a bus corridor route that you are trying to keep traffic moving on.

This in turn will also increase traffic build further down at the Sundrive road/Larkfield traffic lights, this part of the road has a serious congestion problem, even outside of rush hour. This is the very road that we need less traffic on for buses to flow more freely.

The junction at Corrib road/R817 is already difficult and dangerous, there is no filter light for traffic exiting or entering Corrib road at the R817 junction.

Coming from the KCR there is no filter lane to turn right into Corrib road heading towards the city. There is however, a filter lane to turn right onto Hazelbrook road, which makes this an easier and safer junction to use rather than the Corrib road junction further down.

There are shops on both sides of the Corrib road/Kimmage road Lower junction. Cars park near the junction and lorries pull in to unload. This creates visual obstacles making it more difficult and dangerous to turn onto the main R817. The proposed restriction at Derravaragh road will send more traffic into that junction and create more build up, congestion and hazard there.

Corrib road is not very wide, residents cars park along the road on both sides. This means there is only room for one car at a time to drive down the road, and cars coming in the other direction have to pull in to one side. The proposal will put more cars on this end of Corrib road, when there currently isn't the space for 2 cars to pass easily. This will encourage people to park on the footpaths, leaving less access for pedestrians.

Having only one access to the 125 houses on Corrib road is also a potential hindrance for fire engine and ambulance access.

I work daily in Wicklow and I use Derravaragh Road & Hazelbrook road as part my route to and from work. If this access is blocked I will, along with others be adding to the traffic congestion at the Corrib road/R817 junction.

I have also observed on my route to and from work that cars do not use Derravaragh Road & Hazelbrook road as part of a 'rat-run' to avoid the lights or traffic at the KCR. The only cars I have observed using this route are residents cars. So I see no benefit to this restriction. Only potential hazard and inconvenience at the other end of Corrib road.

I have read in the planning literature that the purpose of this proposed access restriction at Derravaragh road is '*to prevent through traffic diverting off Kimmage Road Lower inappropriately*'. However, there is nothing to stop traffic from using Hazelbrook Road as a means of diverting from Kimmage Road lower towards Terenure road west, and avoiding the KCR traffic light junction.

Traffic management measures such as turning restrictions at certain times of the day would be a more appropriate way of diverting traffic from using Hazelbrook Road/Corrib Road/Derravaragh road. This is the type of restriction used at the junction of Aideen avenue and Kimmage Road Lower.

With due respect, I object to this planning application.

Kind regards

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7/12/23