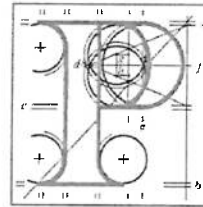


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**An
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Pleanála**

Cllr. Michael D. Clark and Others
c/o County Hall
2 Marine Road
Dún Laoghaire
Co. Dublin
A96K6C9

Date: 13 October 2023

Re: BusConnects Bray to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme
Bray to Dublin City Centre.

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission (including your fee of €50) 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.

If you have any queries in the mean time, 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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RE: Bord Pleanála Case reference: HA27.317742

Bus Connects Bray to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme

Tuesday, 10th October 2023

To Whom it May Concern:

We welcome the opportunity to make a submission on the planning application made by the National Transport Authority with respect to the Bus Connects Bray to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme.

Deputy Cormac Devlin, Councillor Justin Moylan and I represent communities along much of this route. We recently hosted an online public meeting to provide residents, businesses, environmental groups and other stakeholders an opportunity to review the proposal and feed into our submission.

While welcoming aspects of the scheme we wish to make the following specific observations:

Concerning Shankill Village and Environs:

- We are concerned about the changes proposed to the junction at Old Connaught Avenue / Dublin Road and Corke Abbey, particularly the removal of the left turning lane into Corke Abbey, which will increase traffic congestion in the area. The left turning lane in Corke Abbey should be retained.
- We are concerned about the removal of the Wilford Roundabout. The proposed junction will likely result in significant traffic congestion in the area and further contribute to the build-up of evening peak hour traffic jam along the N11/M11 junction as well as the surrounding area.
- We request that the proposal to remove the roundabout be rejected and junction be upgraded inline with the plan proposal for the roundabout at Loughlinstown Hospital at the M11/N11 junction.

- We are concerned about the removal of the roundabout at Dublin Road, Quinn's Road and Cherrington Road. Residents are concerned this will increase traffic congestion entering and leaving Shankill village or make it more difficult for them to exit or enter the Cherrington and Quinn's Road areas. We request that this aspect of the proposal be rejected, and the roundabout retained.
- We are completely opposed to the removal of the roundabout at the junction of Corbawn Lane / Dublin Road and Shanganagh Road. The new proposal will cause traffic chaos and endanger public safety. Removing inbound access to Corbawn Lane at the roundabout will divert traffic to Shanganagh Road where it must right turn down Beechfield Manor to access the Corbawn Estate (c. 700 homes). Shanganagh Road is already heavily congested at peak times, regularly backing up from the roundabout to beyond the Commons Road junction of Shanganagh Road. It should be noted that this roundabout also serves c. 3000 homes in South Killiney (including Bayview, Cromlech Fields, Rathsallagh, Shanganagh Cliffs) as the primary exit point to the N11. The proposed changes should be rejected.
- The two bus stops clustered together at Lidl, Shanganagh Road, in addition to the removal of the Corbawn Roundabout will cause unnecessary disruption, the bus stops should be separated.
- We are concerned about the loss of mature trees along Dublin Road at Seaview Park, these trees are an important screen from noise from the M50/N11 in addition to being a local habitat, the proposal is not detailed, and further information should be requested in advance of a final determination of the application, and in any case these trees should be retained.

Concerning the N11 from Booterstown to Shankill:

- We are opposed to the removal of left turning lanes at the junction of N11/Booterstown Avenue this will effectively turn the N11 into a one-lane carriageway. This will cause long delays for traffic coming off Booterstown Avenue onto the N11. This will create needless and excessive traffic congestion. The proposal should be rejected, or the redesigned to incorporate the left turning lanes as included at the N11 White's Cross / Newtownpark Avenue style design.
- We are opposed to the removal of the left turning lanes at the junction of N11/Mount Merrion Avenue this will effectively turn the N11 into a one-lane carriageway and increase traffic

congestion. The turning circles created seem very tight which is a danger to public safety. This will create needless and excessive traffic congestion. The proposal should be rejected, or the redesigned to incorporate the left turning lanes as included at the N11 White's Cross / Newtownpark Avenue style design.

- We are concerned about the loss of mature trees along N11/Stillorgan Road, these trees are an important screen from noise from the N11 in addition to being a local habitat, they should not be removed.
- We are opposed to the removal of the left turning lane at the junction of N11/Stillorgan Park Road this will effectively turn the N11 into a one-lane carriageway and increase traffic congestion. This will create needless and excessive traffic congestion. The proposal should be rejected, or the redesigned to incorporate the left turning lanes as included at the N11 White's Cross / Newtownpark Avenue style design.
- We are opposed to the closure of the N11/Hill Road left turn junction; this will increase pressure on the N11/Stillorgan Park Road junction resulting in unnecessary delays to traffic.
- We note a left turning lane has been retained at the junction of N11 White's Cross / Newtown Park Avenue. This is welcome. This design should be followed at N11/Boosterstown Avenue, N11/Mount Merrion Avenue, N11/Stillorgan Park Road, N11/Kill Lane, N11/Clonkeen Road, and the N11/Johnstown Road junctions. The slip way for the northbound left turning lane is completely inadequate, traffic is currently backed up here at peak times, the lane should be lengthened.
- We are opposed to the removal of the left turning lane at the junction of N11/Kill Lane this will effectively turn the N11 into a one-lane carriageway and increase traffic congestion. This will create needless and excessive traffic congestion. The proposal should be rejected, or the redesigned to incorporate the left turning lanes as included at the N11 White's Cross / Newtownpark Avenue style design.
- Residents in South Park feel the proposal to open a new entrance to the estate (adjacent to 116A South Park on Sheet 29/54 on the general scheme) at the junction of Cornelscourt and N11 is unnecessary as an existing entrance is in place about 50m away.
- We opposed to the removal of the left turning lane at the junction of N11/Johnstown Road this will effectively turn the N11 into a one-lane carriageway and increase traffic congestion. This will create needless and excessive traffic congestion. The proposal should be rejected, or

the redesigned to incorporate the left turning lanes as included at the N11 White's Cross / Newtownpark Avenue style design.

- We welcome the continued left turn from the N11/Commons Road, two-way access to the N11 should be investigated here to ease pressure on the Shanganagh Road / Corbawn Lane / Dublin Road Junction / Roundabout and Shankill Village.

In general, we feel the almost blanket removal of left turning slip lanes is excessive and unnecessary. The rationale between retaining and removing the left turning slip lanes is not clear, many of the junctions where the proposal to remove them applies are just as busy as where there is a proposal to retain. It should be noted the N11 is a major national route, and a critical route in the Dún Laoghaire area and access on to and off the route should be facilitated.

Residents in Shankill question the cost - benefit analysis the scheme will bring, while a very significant investment in public funds is required the end result in public transport times is negligible.

Many junctions along the N11 have recently been upgraded and the road resurfaced. These proposals represent an excessive and unnecessary use of public funds for negligible improvements to public transport times.

If the slip lanes are removed as mentioned, this will lead to congestion in the left lane thus causing traffic build-up which will cause congestion and delays for emergency vehicles, especially those attending St Vincent's or Loughlinstown Hospitals.

We trust you will give the observations due regard,

Yours faithfully,



Clr. Michael D. Clark