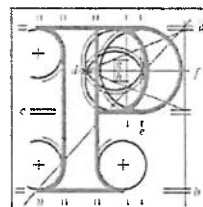


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**An
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Donagh O'Doherty
Kincora
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Dublin 18
D18RD90

Date: 04 October 2023

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

Dear Sir,

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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30th September 2023.

Observation Re: Proposed Bus Connects at Whites Cross (Junction of Leopardstown Road, N11 and Newtown Park Avenue).

I am alarmed at the suggestion/proposal that the motor vehicle slip lanes are to be removed. We live on the N11 (D18RD90) quite close to Whites Cross. During rush hours there is always a considerable back up of traffic in all four directions (Leopardstown Road, Newtown Park Avenue and N11 in both directions). Removing the slip lanes will only make that considerably worse.

I am a car driver (fully electric) and a regular cyclist through Whites Cross several times per day. There shall be no improvement to cyclists by such a change as there is no difficulty navigating the junction by bicycle. Cars using the slip lanes are always respectful of cyclists as they currently have a dedicated bicycle lane.

I'm also a regular pedestrian through the junction (I walk our 2 dogs daily) and have no issue crossing once I obey the lights. The only improvement I can see from this proposal would be for pedestrians to avoid having to cross the slip lanes, which, in my experience, is an extremely minor issue.

I understand the desire to reduce cars from the road and encourage cycling/walking and using public transport. But the reality is that cars are still here for some time to come. Older people and parents with small children or heavy shopping will need to use their car regardless of what other options are available. So this proposal shall heavily penalise car drivers for almost no gain. All that will happen is further backing up of traffic at this junction with engines ticking over causing extra pollution and further frustration to motorists for no benefit.

Regards,

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