

**GCDRA Bus Connects Submission**  
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**Submission on behalf of Grand Canal Dock Residents Association (GCDRA) in regards to Bus Connects Ringsend to City Centre Route 16.**

We are concerned with the traffic diversions in the proposed Rings End to City Centre route. Their route suggests that all traffic from the city centre to the Grand Canal Docks area would need to enter via Misery Hill, Hibernian Road and Lazer Lane. Reducing access to the area and limiting all traffic onto one narrow lane way while at the same time doubling the number of buildings and occupants in the area is dangerous. Even now, delivery vans and larger lorries often block two-way on Hibernian Road. We can only imagine the traffic back-ups when even more vehicles and lorries are forced to enter/exit the area on those two roads.

The additional traffic the plan suggests would also greatly detract from the quality of life of those living on Hibernian Road and Lazer Lane. Traffic onto Lazer Lane and Hibernian Road has already increased with the introduction of the excessively tall speed-bumps in front of the Marker Hotel. The speed bumps have in essence turned that portion of Misery Hill into a taxi-only exit for the Marker Hotel's guests.

Heavy traffic on Cardiff Lane already makes entering and leaving Grand Canal Docks difficult. We feel the lack of entry and exit points in the area is already a safety concern. Limiting the number of those points while increasing the number of buildings and occupants is unsafe.

Leaving Beckett bridge and heading east up SJR Quay never at any time has traffic congestion and to prevent cars from taking this route would add greatly to the already busy Cardiff Lane. On approach to Beckett bridge from SJR does have afternoon congestion but very little during the rest of the day.

Could this be taken into account, is it possible for bus only to be during busy times?

Heading west on SJR after Beckett bridge also looks to be bus only, again there is never any congestion on this stretch all the way to the end where City Quay begins.

We recommend flexibility in the bus only hours and better access for the Hanover/Sir John Rogersons Quay Peninsula.

We have 10,000 residents and even more workers in this area, under the bus connects plan the only access will be through the bottleneck that is Macken Street, Cardiff Lane and (giving new reason for name) Misery Hill.

Yours sincerely  
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