

Dublin Mid West Green Party,
c/o Room 4,
Muintir na Tire Hall,
Main Street,
Lucan,
Co Dublin.

11th June 2008.

Senior Executive Officer,
Roads Department,
South Dublin County Council,
County Hall,
Town Centre,
Tallaght,
Dublin 24

Re: School Time-Related HGV Ban:

Old Lucan Rd, between Adamstown Road and Ballyowen Rd
and
The Old Hill Road, between Main St. and Old Lucan Rd

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please accept this submission on behalf of Dublin Mid-West Green Party in relation to the above. We welcome the proposal by South Dublin County Council which will reduce the HGV traffic through Lucan Village and its environs, particularly in the vicinity of Schools. We make the following additional comments:

1 We submit that the times of operation of the ban should be widened as follows so as to comprehend the school arrival and departure times of Schools in South Lucan near to the Ballyowen Road:

- 08:00 to 09:30
- 12:45 to 15:15

Reason: so as to provide for a safe environment for school children walking between Adamstown Road and Ballyowen Road on their way to school in South Lucan; in particular, we refer to children accessing Lucan Educate Together National School from North of the N4.

2 We submit that the ban should incorporate a “no left-hand turn” at the T-junction on Main St., Lucan Village near the Bank of Ireland.

Reason: to prevent non-local HGV traffic accessing the Lucan Bridge during school arrival and departure times

3 We submit that adequate signage should be erected as part of the ban, and that businesses whose HGVs use the routes concerned should be contacted to inform them of the ban

Reason: to increase the efficacy of the ban, and to inform HGV drivers of alternative, legal and appropriate routes to use.

4 We submit that the Local Authority should provide clarity with regard to the situation of local access traffic.

Reason: There is confusion regarding whether local access is legally permitted through the HGV ban area

5 We submit that policing/enforcement of the ban needs to be regular and consistent and that penalties should be such that they deter repeat offending. We submit that monitoring be put in place using Automatic Number Plate Recognition (APNR) technology to facilitate easy policing/enforcement

Reason: HGV bans are notoriously difficult to enforce, and require considerable Garda manpower resources. APNR would provide for an easy mechanism to catch and fine offenders, and would also allow automatic recognition of local HGV traffic, who could register with the Local Authority and who could then be excluded from the ban.

6 We submit that monitoring should be undertaken before **and** after the ban is put in place.

Reason: to determine if the ban has increased the flow of HGVs in the vicinity of schools in South Lucan, as a result of HGVs using alternative routes, so that additional measures can be subsequently implemented to reduce this.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Kevin Farrell
Secretary
Dublin Mid-West Green Party.