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Traffic Congestion has always been associated with economic prosperity and development in Ireland, especially over the past 20 years. This is particularly true in Celbridge, where I have been resident over the past 17 years. The town has grown extensively over the past 2 decades, but the current Traffic Congestion (pre-Covid) has increased demands for a solution to this problem .

Offered solutions include a new bridge over the Liffey and new roads, but this would simply induce demand for more private transport, which suggests that this would not be the best solution.

How do other cities and towns deal with Traffic Congestion? The simplest solution is better Public Transport.

Celbridge has no local Train Station, but is situated half-way between Louisa Bridge and Hazelhatch Train Stations. This is a problem and Irish Rail instituted a free Shuttle Bus from Celbridge to Hazelhatch Train Station to address this. Unfortunately this is only an hourly service in peak hours and suffers delays due to the Traffic Congestion along the Main Street. These factors limit the use and popularity of this service.

This brings us back to the main question - how can we improve Public Transport to counter Traffic Congestion in Celbridge?

Do we need more busses or bus routes to Dublin? Do we need more local cycle lanes? Is a new Shuttle Bus to Louisa Bridge Train Station a solution? Do we need more roads or less, with pedestrianised zones to enhance community spaces? How can we best analyse the changed economic, environmental and community needs post-Covid?

Kildare County Council should address Traffic Congestion in Celbridge as a matter of urgency, not only as Sustainable Mobility issue, but also with the aims of creating Healthy Placemaking, Economic Opportunity and positive Climate Action. Post-Covid we need to re-think and re-imagine our Community and how we live.

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