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Board Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 26/08/2020.

The Board decided not to approve the proposed development, generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations.

Reasons and Considerations

It is considered that the location of Forbes Street Bridge in the Planning Scheme is an appropriate location owing to its position on a logical and clear desire line for pedestrians and cyclists between north and south of the River Liffey, directly linking Grand Canal Square and Spencer Dock (including the existing Luas red line stop) and in the longer term offering the potential of a direct connection from south of the river to a future DART underground commuter rail station to the north of the river. This location has greater potential to alleviate pedestrian and cycling congestion on the Samuel Beckett Bridge, compared with the proposed alternative location at Blood Stoney Road, which would not serve the pedestrian and cyclist desire lines as successfully. The Board considered that, notwithstanding the technical and cost arguments put forward in support of relocation, and in the context of the other bridge locations already approved within the SDZ area, at Castleforbes Road and on the west side of Tom Clarke Bridge, the existing approved position for the Forbes Street Bridge would better serve the interests and amenities of the area in the long term

and would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member

Date: 08/09/2020

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