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Board Direction

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ABP-317780-23

At meetings held on 19/12/2024 and 09/01/2025, the Board decided to confirm the compulsory purchase order without modification for the following reasons and considerations:

Reasons and Considerations:

Having considered the objections made to the compulsory purchase order, the report of the Inspector who considered the objections, the purpose of the compulsory purchase order to facilitate the delivery of Bus Connects; sustainable public transport and active travel infrastructure, and also having regard to:

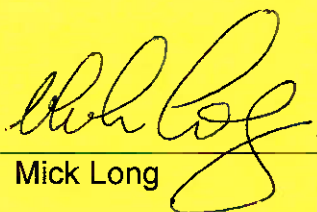
- (i) the constitutional and Convention protection afforded to property rights
- (ii) the substandard infrastructure provided for along the existing route
- (iii) the strategic nature of the scheme in the context of reducing carbon emission and climate change
- (iv) the community need, and public interest served and overall benefits, including benefits to a range of road users to be achieved from use of the acquired lands
- (v) the proportionate design response to the identified need

- (vi) the suitability of the lands and the necessity of their acquisition to facilitate the provision of the BusConnects Sustainable Public Transport and Active travel Scheme
- (vii) the policies and objectives of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan 2022-2028 and Wicklow County Development Plan 2022-2028
- (viii) the submissions and observations made at to the Board, and
- (ix) the report and recommendation of the Inspector.

the Board considered that the acquisition of these lands on a permanent and temporary basis, restriction, acquisition and interference of rights of way, by the NTA, as set out in the compulsory purchase order and on the deposit maps, is necessary for the purpose stated, which is a legitimate objective being pursued in the public interest, and that the compulsory purchase order and its effects on the property rights of affected landowners are proportionate to that objective and justified by the exigencies of the common good.

In reaching this conclusion, the Board agrees with and adopts the analysis contained in the Inspector's report who conducted the assessment of the objections.

Board Member:


Mick Long

Date: 17/01/2025