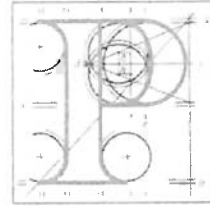


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**Date:** 03 April 2024

**Re:** Tallaght/Clondalkin to City Centre BusConnect Core Bus Corridor Scheme.  
Tallaght/Clondalkin to Dublin City.

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent letter in relation to the above mentioned proposed road development. The contents of your letter have been noted.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board at [laps@pleanala.ie](mailto:laps@pleanala.ie)

Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

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**From:** Lauren Griffin  
**Sent:** Wednesday 3 April 2024 09:29  
**To:** LandUsePlanning@tii.ie  
**Subject:** RE: TII submission to Tallaght/Clondalkin to City Centre BusConnect Core Bus Corridor Scheme, ABP ref. HA29N.316828

A Chara,

The Board acknowledges receipt of this email, official acknowledgment will issue in due course.

Kind regards,

Lauren

**From:** Landuse Planning <[LandUsePlanning@tii.ie](mailto:LandUsePlanning@tii.ie)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 2, 2024 2:21 PM  
**To:** LAPS <[laps@pleanala.ie](mailto:laps@pleanala.ie)>  
**Subject:** TII submission to Tallaght/Clondalkin to City Centre BusConnect Core Bus Corridor Scheme, ABP ref. HA29N.316828

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Dear An Bord Pleanála,

In response to your letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) has reviewed the *NTA Observations on the Proposed Scheme Submissions* report, where the original submission made by TII in July 2023 is recorded as submission no. 44 in subsection 2.8.8.

Attached is TII's response for the Board's consideration.

Please acknowledge receipt of this submission by return.

Regards and thanks,

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**Re: Tallaght/Clondalkin to City Centre BusConnects Core Bus Corridor Scheme**

Dear Ms. Griffin,

Further to receipt of your letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024, Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) has reviewed the *NTA Observations on the Proposed Scheme Submissions*, dated September 2023 where the original submission made by TII in July 2023 is recorded as submission no. 44 at subsection 2.8.8 of that report.

In the first instance, TII wishes to reiterate acknowledgment and support of the BusConnects Project in playing a key part of the Government's policy to improve public transport and address climate change in Dublin and other cities across Ireland.

Having reviewed the application documents and the *NTA Observations on the Proposed Scheme Submissions* report, TII considers that the interactions identified with national road assets and managed areas and with Luas, especially along Naas Road in the original TII submission are not adequately addressed. Appropriate design and management of the construction and operation of these interactions are required to protect the efficiency and safety of the strategic national road and Luas networks and to ensure co-ordinated delivery and operation of the proposed scheme whilst protecting the safety of the general public and road users.

TII advises that the proposed BusConnects scheme introduces new infrastructure adjacent, over and under the national roads and light rail networks that will create direct and indirect interactions with the national road and Luas networks during construction and operational phases of the proposed scheme. Indirect interactions will include consequences for liability and maintenance responsibilities. The original TII submission recommended mitigation measures for identified interactions in order the proposed scheme may progress in co-ordinated manner with the maintenance of the safe and efficient operation of the national roads and light rail networks. The *NTA Observations on the Proposed Scheme Submissions* report summarises the matters raised in the original TII submission, a number of which highlighted the requirement for co-ordinated resolution prior to the scheme commencing in accordance with TII Publications (including safety) and TII's "Code of engineering practice for works on, near, or adjacent the Luas light rail system."

Having regard to the *NTA Observations on the Proposed Scheme Submissions* report commitment to continue to collaborate with TII in advance of, and during, the construction stage of the proposed scheme it is considered in order that commitment be formally integrated into the scheme where the Board is minded to grant its approval in the interests of the protection of the safe and efficient operation of the national road and light rail networks and successful co-ordinated implementation of the proposed scheme in construction and operation.

To assist the Board in the consideration of this scheme and having regard to Board approvals of preceding Dublin BusConnects schemes, including conditions related to the detailed design stage implementation for interactions with national infrastructural authorities such as Uisce Eireann, TII recommends the following:

1. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall engage with Transport Infrastructure Ireland to agree plans and details of works, construction traffic, and the management of assets thereafter, on, or in the vicinity of the national road network and associated managed areas. All detailed designs and works which interact with TII assets shall be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of TII Publications

**Reason:** In the interests of protecting the capacity, safety, and efficiency of national roads network and ensuring coordinated delivery of the Bus Corridor Scheme.

2. Prior to commencement of development a method statement for resolution of interactions with Luas interfaces, shall be submitted for the written agreement of the planning authorities and TII as part of a revised Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP). The proposed method statement shall be undertaken in accordance with TII's "Code of engineering practice for works on, near, or adjacent the Luas light rail system.

**Reason:** In the interests of protecting the capacity, safety and efficiency of Luas light rail transport networks, and ensuring coordinated delivery of the Bus Corridor Scheme.

3. The proposed Construction Traffic Management Plan shall include identification of mitigation measures to protect operational Luas infrastructure including signalisation and the Automatic Vehicle Location System (AVLS). Prior to commencement of development, the proposed Construction Traffic Management Plan shall be submitted for the written agreement of the planning authorities and TII .

**Reason:** In the interests of protecting the capacity, safety and efficiency of Luas light rail transport networks and ensuring coordinated delivery of the Bus Corridor Scheme.

For items 2 and 3, the Board is reminded that a developer or contractor will be required to apply for a works permit from the Luas Operator by virtue of the Light Railway (Regulation of Works) Bye-laws 2004 (S.I. number 101 of 2004) which regulates works occurring close to the Luas infrastructure in accordance with TII's "*Code of engineering practice for works on, near, or adjacent the Luas light rail system*". The developer shall be liable for all of TII's costs associated with the removal and reinstatement of Luas related building fixings and infrastructure. The permit application will require prior consultation, facilitated by the Luas operator, Transdev.

TII trusts that the foregoing comments will be of assistance to the Board in considering the BusConnects Swords to City Centre Bus Corridor Scheme. TII would appreciate acknowledgment of receipt of this submission.

Yours faithfully,



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**Tara Spain**  
**Head of Land Use Planning**