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Memorandum

ABP-317742-23 Road (HA)

ABP-317780-23 CPO (KA)

BusConnects - Bray to Dublin City Centre

To: Board

From: Tomás Bradley, Senior Planning Inspector

Re: Oral Hearing Request

Date: 4th June 2024

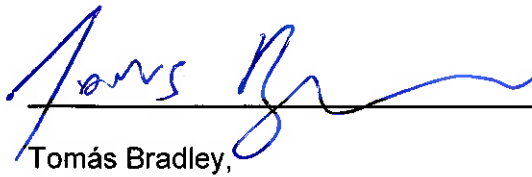
A memorandum on the 15th of January 2024 made a recommendation to the Board in respect of oral hearings for the above named files. It was recommended that oral hearings not be held.

On the 21st of February 2024, the Board made a direction to defer further consideration in respect of the recommendation until after the National Transport Authority (NTA) responded to submissions.

Since this direction, the NTA requested a further extension of time to respond to submission. The Board allowed this extension and the NTA submitted its response to submissions on the 24th of May 2024.

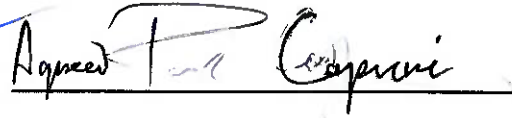
On the basis of this submission, it is requested that the Board resume its consideration of the recommendation of the 15th of January 2024. It remains that there is no issue arising that lacks clarity or detail or are so complex as to require a hearing. I am satisfied that written evidence will allow for a proper and full assessment of the case.

However, it is considered important to provide observers and objectors with a further opportunity to make submissions on the NTA's response and submit further written evidence if deemed necessary. This course of action should bring about focused and prompt responses to issues being raised by all parties to the files and ensure efficiency in terms of timelines for the completion of inspectorate reporting.



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