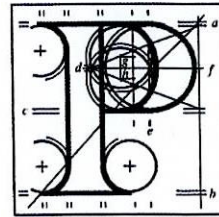


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**Date:** 21 July 2023

**Re:** Bus Connects Blanchardstown to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme  
Blanchardstown to Dublin City Centre

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

Please note that the proposed development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it with or without modifications.

If you have any queries in relation to the 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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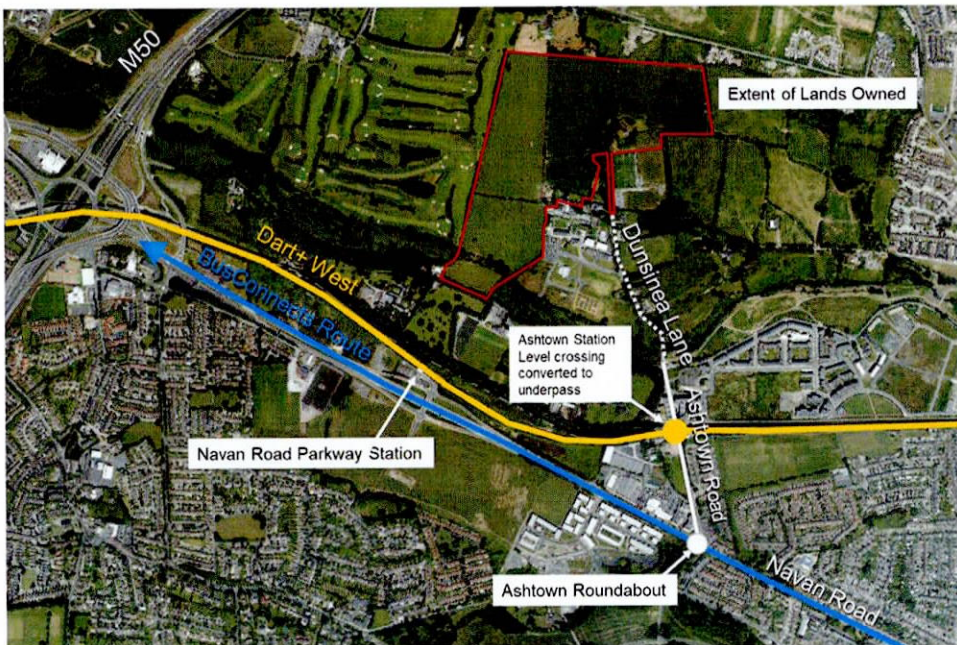
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**Re: BusConnects Dublin - Blanchardstown to City Centre Ref, ABP-313892-22**

Dear Sir or Madam

I refer to your letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023 inviting comment on the NTA's response to submissions received with regard to the road development application for the BusConnects Blanchardstown to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme. The comments below are confined to the NTA's response to NAMA's submission dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022 and related to NAMA's security identified below.





In summary, the NAMA submission requested full alignment between the subject Bus Corridor Scheme and the DART+ West scheme which is also with An Bord Pleanála (ABP) for consideration.

In response, the NTA confirm that the works proposed will tie into existing infrastructure at this location but acknowledge that there is no existing bus or cycle infrastructure at the point of tie-in. It further acknowledges that while it is desirable to improve the surrounding areas, the subject BusConnects scheme is focused on the Corridor itself.

While this is appreciated and understood, there is no where along the Corridor where the opportunity exists to connect these two major pieces of infrastructure with minimal impact on design. NTA's desire to improve the surrounding areas needs further consideration in the context of the opportunity that will be lost by a relatively minor change to the proposal.

As noted in our submission of August 2022, the proposed works at the Ashtown Roundabout/Junction include very limited enhancements to the road layout going north. An extension of the bus corridor northwards for a distance of some 100m to meet the underpass associated with the proposed Dart+ design would provide seamless connectivity between the two projects. A potential design for this link is shown below, which includes the provision of bus and cycle infrastructure that connects the two schemes.

The proposal shows the two-way cycle track that is proposed for the underpass associated with Dart+ continuing along the eastern side of the Ashtown Road as far as the junction with the Navan Road, where it ties in with the CBC cycle infrastructure.

Bus lanes are included in both directions along the link. In the southbound direction the bus lane starts immediately after the proposed mini-roundabout, running to the Navan Road junction. This lane will allow buses travelling southbound to bypass any traffic that is queuing on approach to the junction. In the northbound direction, the bus lane starts at the Navan Road Junction, stretching to just north of the Ashbrook Road, where a bus priority signal is proposed, which would allow buses to travel through the underpass with priority over general traffic.

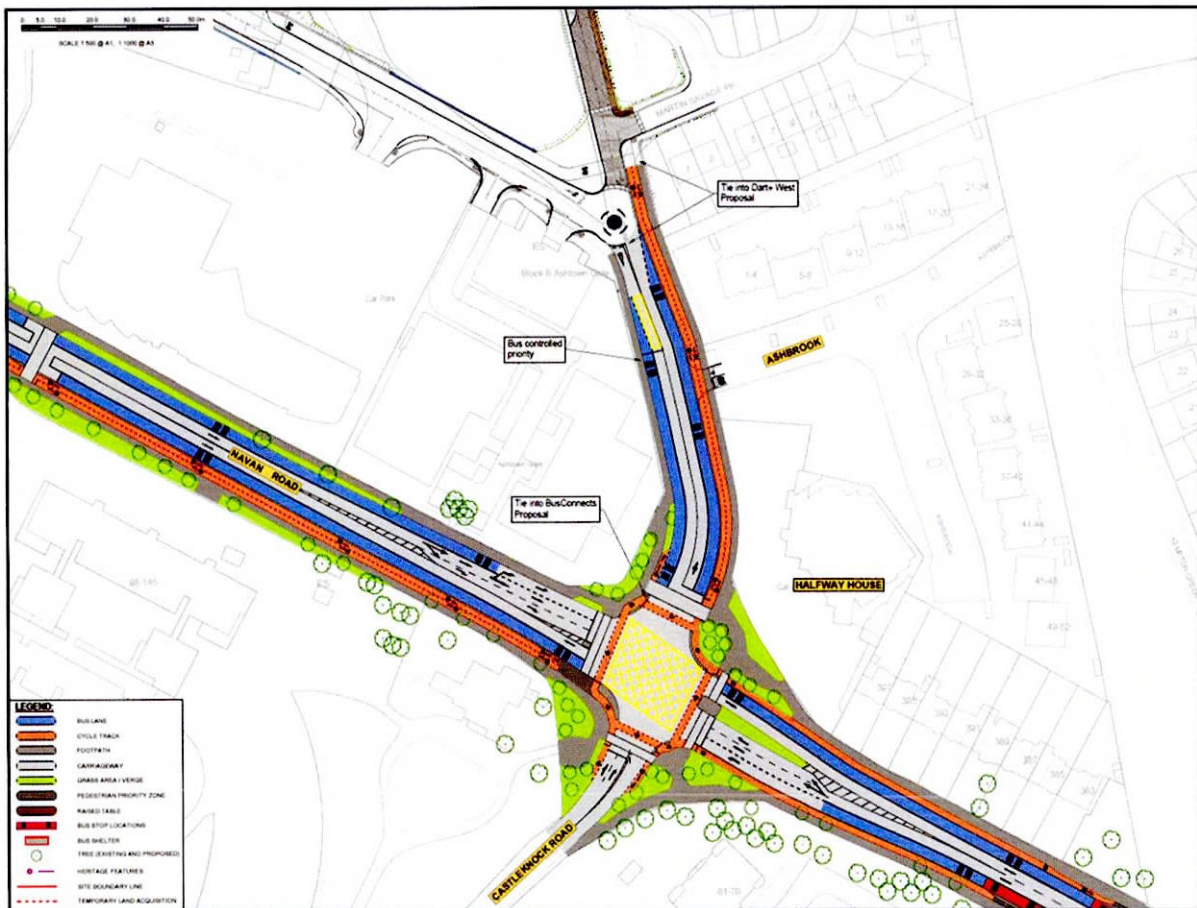


Figure 1 – Potential Design for DART+ West – Busconnects CBC interface

This will ensure full connectivity for all modes between the Navan Road and the Dunsink lands, fully in keeping with Fingal County Council's vision and fully in line with the National Strategic Outcomes (NSOs) of the National Planning Framework (NPF) around compact growth, sequential development and public transport based solutions to problems associated with increasing travel demand and urban congestion.

Yours faithfully

**Deirdre O'Connor MIPI, MRTPI**

**Head of Planning**

**National Asset Management Agency**