

Appendix J Preliminary Design Report – Retaining Walls

National Transport Authority Belfield / Blackrock to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme

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1 Introduction

1.1 Design Brief

Arup has been appointed by the National Transport Authority (NTA) to undertake a preliminary design of the proposed Belfield/Blackrock to City Centre Core Bus Corridor (CBC) Scheme (hereinafter referred to as the 'Proposed Scheme') of the BusConnects CBC network. Arup's appointment includes the preliminary design of structures on this Proposed Scheme.

This report includes the considerations and assumptions made during the preparation of the preliminary design of the retaining wall structures on the Belfield/Blackrock to City Centre Core Bus Corridor.

1.2 Project Background

The BusConnects Dublin Programme is a plan to transform Dublin's bus system, with the Core Bus Corridor (CBC) project providing 230 km of dedicated bus lanes and 200 km of cycle tracks across sixteen of the busiest bus corridors in and out of the city centre. The project is fundamental to addressing the congestion issues in the Dublin region with the population due to grow by 25 % by 2040. In June 2018 the National Transport Authority (NTA) published the Core Bus Corridors Project Report, which sets out the vision for the provision of bus lanes and cycle tracks on sixteen key bus corridors.

The Belfield/Blackrock to City Centre CBC is identified in this document as forming part of the radial Core Bus Network. The BusConnects Dublin Core Bus Network is shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1: BusConnects Dublin Radial CBC Network

The Proposed Scheme commences at the junction of Montpellier Place and Stradbrook Road in Blackrock. The corridor proceeds along Temple Hill, Frascati Road, Rock Road, Merrion Road, through Ballsbridge Village, routing along Pembroke Road and Baggot Street before turning onto Fitzwilliam Street Lower where it terminates at its junction of Mount Street Upper.

The Proposed Scheme also routes along Nutley Lane between Stillorgan Road and Merrion Road.

1.3 Previous Studies

The first non-statutory public consultation on the BusConnects CBCs took place on a phased basis between Nov 2018 to May 2019. The second round of public consultations occurred between Mar 2020 to Apr 2020. A third round of public consultations then followed between November 2020 and December 2020. Consultation with the principal project stakeholders (i.e. Dublin City Council, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Transport Infrastructure Ireland, An Garda, Utility companies and the National Transport Authority) has also taken place.

A desktop study was undertaken to identify the existing structures within the project extents, with site inspections undertaken where information was limited.

2 Site & function

2.1 Site Location

Only one wall with a retained height greater than 1.5m was identified as being required along this scheme. This wall is referenced as Retaining Wall RW01 for the purposes of this report.

An existing wall currently contains the levels of Rock Road adjacent to Blackrock Park at this location. The revised carriageway configuration requires a widening of the embankment beyond the extents of the existing wall. It is proposed to demolish the existing wall and replace it with a new reinforced concrete spreadfoot cantilever retaining wall.

The wall will be approximately 90m in length with a maximum retained height of 4.0m.



Figure 2: Location Plan

2.2 Function of Structure and Obstacles Crossed

The purpose of this retaining wall is to maintain the required ground level in the area that is affected by the proposed bus corridor, where the height difference is too high to be maintained with an embankment.

2.3 Choice of Location

The wall is located where geometric constraints don't allow for traditional earthwork batters to be contained within the site boundaries and to minimise land take in the adjacent park.

2.4 Site Description and Topography

The surrounds comprise of a brownfield site, with the wall located adjacent to an existing carriageway and recreational park.

2.5 Vertical and Horizontal Alignments

Refer to the road design drawings for the proposed vertical and horizontal road alignments along the scheme.

2.6 Existing Underground and Overground Services

The services mentioned in Table 1 below are existing underground services in the vicinity of the proposed structure.

Retaining wall	Utility Provider	Service	Comment
RW01	ESB	LV electricity (UG)	Retained Parallel at back of wall and crossing perpendicular to wall
	Council	Street Lighting	Realigned Parallel adjacent top of wall
	Council	Stormwater Combined Network	Crossing perpendicular to wall Crossing perpendicular to wall
	Virgin Media	Virgin Media cables	Retained Down centre of Rock Road

Table 1: Existing Services

These services are illustrated in the figures below.

Figure 3: RW01 existing Services



No above ground services were identified at the retaining wall location.

2.7 Geotechnical Summary

A geotechnical desktop study of the area has been undertaken using existing GI information. Where identified, supplementary GI information was requested to increase the understanding of the geological conditions at targeted locations across the scheme.

Refer to Section 7 for details of the ground conditions at each retaining wall location.

2.8 Hydrology and Hydraulic Summary

It is not expected that the construction of the retaining walls on this scheme will have any significant impact on the local hydrogeology.

2.9 Archaeological Summary

There is no impact envisaged from these structures.

2.10 Environmental Summary

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) is currently being prepared for this project. Outcomes from this EIA will be reviewed and incorporated once determined.

3 Structure and Aesthetics

3.1 General Description of Recommended Structure

The retaining wall comprises a reinforced spreadfoot cantilever retaining wall. The wall is required to retain the widened R118 embankment from spilling into the adjacent Blackrock Park.

Figure 4: Typical section



3.2 Aesthetic Considerations

The wall will be clad in masonry stonework, similar to existing. Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council have been consulted regarding the aesthetics and their Parks Department will provide input into the detailed design.

3.3 Proposals for the Recommended Structure

3.3.1 Proposed Category

The retained height of the wall is smaller than 5 m, hence it is classified as a Category 1 structure in accordance with DN-STR-03001.

3.3.2 Span Arrangements

Not Applicable.

3.3.3 Minimum Headroom Provided

Not Applicable.

3.3.4 Approaches including run-on Arrangements

Not Applicable.

3.3.5 Foundation Type

The wall will comprise a spread footing foundation cast on a 75mm blinding layer, bearing on the subsurface below. The preliminary design calculations require a maximum SLS bearing pressure of 125 kPa.

3.3.6 Substructure

Not applicable.

3.3.7 Superstructure

Not applicable.

3.3.8 Articulation Arrangement, Joints & Bearings

Nominal 20 mm vertical movement joints will be used between sections of wall to allow for natural expansion and contraction of the concrete. Stainless steel dowel bars will be used to control differential displacement of the wall sections.

3.3.9 Vehicle Restraint System

Where walls present a hazard within the clear zone, a Vehicle Restraint System (VRS) will be provided in accordance with DN-REQ-03034.

3.3.10 Drainage

A permeable drainage layer will be provided behind the in-situ concrete retaining wall in accordance with CC-SPW-00500 and will provide positive outfall from a one end to the other of the structure and will connect to the mainline road drainage.

3.3.11 Durability

The structures will comprise reinforced concrete, which is a highly durable material. Concrete specification and cover to reinforcement will be in accordance with TII publication DN-STR-03012 (Design for Durability).

3.3.12 Sustainability

Recycled GGBS will be used in the design and construction of some of the concrete elements of the structure leading to a more sustainable structure overall.

3.3.13 Inspection and Maintenance

The proposed structure is of reinforced concrete construction, with the working design life for the structure being 120 years (Working Life Category 5). It is expected that the structure will have minimal maintenance and inspection requirements.

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council have been consulted with regards to the inspection and maintenance of this structure.

4 Safety

4.1 Traffic Management During Construction including Land for Temporary Diversions

Consultation has taken place with Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council (DLRCoCo) regarding the traffic management proposals (TMP). It is intended to construct the wall from the road side to minimise impact on the park and the TMP has been discussed with DLRCoCo.

4.2 Safety During Construction

The Designer will take account of the General Principles of Prevention, as specified in the Schedule 3 of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005, liaise with the Project Supervisor appointed by the Client for the Design Process and the Project Supervisor appointed for the Construction Stage and carry out all other duties as required by Clause 15 of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013 (S.I. No. 291 of 2013).

4.3 Safety In Use

Safety barriers in accordance with TII Publication DN-REQ-03034 will be used to protect errant vehicles from the hazard posed by walls within the clear zone.

4.4 Lighting

There is street lighting which currently runs at the back of the footpath adjacent the existing wall. It is proposed to relocate this lighting to align with the position of the new wall.

5 Cost

5.1 Budget Estimate in Current Year, including Whole Life Cost

To be developed at a further stage of the design.

6 Design Assessment Criteria

6.1 Actions

Design actions for the retaining wall is as set out in the sections below.

6.2 **Permanent Actions**

Permanent Actions in accordance with IS EN 1991-1-1:2002 and the associated National Annex.

6.3 Snow, Wind and Thermal Actions

Snow actions are not considered in the design of the retaining walls.

Wind actions shall be in accordance with IS EN 1991-1-4 and the associated National Annex.

Thermal actions will be assessed in accordance with IS EN 1991-1-5 and the associated National Annex.

6.4 Actions relating to Normal Traffic

The application of traffic loads and distribution through the soil will be applied to the retaining walls in accordance with PD 6694-1:2011 (*Recommendations for the design of structures subject to traffic loading to BS EN 1997-1:2004*).

6.5 Actions relating to Abnormal Traffic

Not applicable.

6.6 Footway or Footbridge Live Loading

Not applicable.

6.7 **Provision for Exceptional Abnormal Loads**

Not applicable.

6.8 Accidental Actions

Not applicable.

6.9 Actions During Construction

Not applicable.

6.10 Any Special Loading not Covered Above

Hydrostatic loading on the back of the wall should be considered to account for the potential failure of the back of wall drainage system. The extent of waterpressure should be determined taking account of existing water table levels, local topography and the likelihood of water pressure build-up behind the wall.

7 Ground Conditions

A geotechnical desktop study of the area has been undertaken using existing GI information where available. Where identified, supplementary GI information was requested to increase the understanding of the geological conditions at targeted locations across the scheme. The supplementary GI was undertaken by Ground Investigations Ireland Ltd (GII) towards the end of 2020.

The retaining wall will be constructed adjacent to Rock Road from approximate chainage A1320 to A1550. Based on the desk study the ground conditions comprise Made Ground over Till derived from Limestone over Limestone. Exploratory locations R15-CP03 verified the stratigraphy of the overburden (rockhead and rock type was not verified) as it recorded a 1.7m thick layer of Made Ground over a 2.4m thick layer of Dublin Boulder Clay. Taking into account the stratigraphy and the height of the proposed retaining wall, a slope of 1:1.5 is proposed for the initial calculations of the land take. The proposed retaining wall is expected to be founded on Dublin Boulder Clay. In case localised softer material is encountered during construction works, this material will have to be excavated and replaced with a granular fill material (i.e. 6N).

The table below describes the ground profile encountered in borehole R15-CP03.

Ground Strata Description	Depth to top of stratum (m BGL)	Elevation at top of stratum (mOD)	Thickness of stratum (m)	N-Value
Made Ground, Brownish grey slightly sandy gravelly Clay with occasional fragments of glass	0	10.67	1.7	23
Stiff brown slightly sandy gravelly CLAY with occasional subangular to subrounded cobbles	1.7	8.97	2.3	17
Very stiff brown slightly sandy gravelly CLAY with occasional subangular to subrounded cobbles.	4	6.67	Not Available	Refusal

Table 2: Ground profile at RW01 based on R15-CP03

Notes:

- 1. Groundwater was not encountered during the drilling.
- 2. Depth of the borehole is 4.5m

8 Drawings and Documents

8.1 List of All Documents Accompanying the Submission

Relevant documents are included as appendices to this report.

Appendix A - Drawings

The following drawings are included as part of this submission.

Table 3: Drawing List

Drawing Number	Drawing Title
BCIDC-ARP-STR_KP-1415_XX_00-DR-CB-0001	Key Plan
BCIDC-ARP-STR_GA-1415_RW_01-DR-CB-0001	General Arrangement

Appendix B – Geotechnical Information

Appendix C – Photos of Existing Wall

Appendix A

Drawings





BUSCONNECTS DUBLIN CORE BUS CORRIDORS INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS

BELFIELD / BLACKROCK TO CITY CENTRE CORE BUS CORRIDOR SCHEME

BRIDGES AND MAJOR RETAINING STRUCTURES

DRAWING SERIES NUMBER(S)

DRAWING SERIES DESCRIPTION

BCIDC-ARP-STR_IX-1415_XX_00-DR-CB-0001 BCIDC-ARP-STR_KP-1415_XX_00-DR-CB-0001 BCIDC-ARP-STR_GA-1415_XX_00-DR-CB-0001 BELFIELD / BLACKROCK TO CITY CENTRE CORE BUS CORRIDOR SCHEME. BRIDGES AND MAJOR RETAINING STRUCTURES. COVER SHEET BELEED / BLACKROCK TO CITY CENTRE CORE BUS CORRIDOR SCHEME BRIDGES AND MAJOR RETAINING STRUCTURES. KEY PLAN BELEED / BLACKROCK TO CITY CENTRE CORE BUS CORRIDOR SCHEME BRIDGES AND MAJOR RETAINING STRUCTURES. RETAINING WALL 01 GENERAL ARRANGEMENT



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Appendix B

Geotechnical Information



Ground Inve			vesti ww	gations Irel /w.gii.ie	land	Ltd	1	Site Bus Connect Detailed Stage 1 Lot 1			Borehole Number R15-CP03	
Machine : Da	ando 2000	Casing	Ground Level (mOD)			Client		Job				
Method : Cable Percussion		200mm cased to 4.50m			10.67			National Transport Authority			Number 9754-07-20	
		Locatio	n		Dates		020	Project Contractor		Sheet		
		72	0998.3 E	729671.7 N	03/11/2020			Ground Investigations Ireland		1/1		
Depth (m)	Sample / Tests	Casing Depth (m)	Water Depth (m)	Field Records	Level (mOD)	D (Thi	Depth (m) ckness)	Description		Legend	Water	
					10.57 10.37		0.10 (0.20) 0.30	CONCRETE.	angular 🛛			
0.50	EN				9.87		0.40 (0.40) 0.80	fine to coarse Gravel.				
1.00-1.45 1.00	SPT(C) N=23 B			2,2/3,4,5,11	0.01		(0.00)	MADE GROUND: Grey very sandy angular to sub-a fine to coarse Gravel.	angular			
1.00	T EN						(0.90)	MADE GROUND: Brownish grey slightly sandy grav Clay with occasional fragments of glass.	veily			
2.00-2.45 2.00	SPT(C) N=19 B			1,3/3,5,5,6	8.97		1.70	Stiff brown slightly sandy gravelly CLAY with occasi subangular to subrouded cobbles.	ional	0 <u>0</u> 000		
2.00 2.50	T EN									0 <u>0</u> 0		
3.00-3.45 3.00 3.00	SPT(C) N=17 B T			1,2/3,3,5,6			(2.30)			0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0		
3.50	EN									<u>6 0 0 0</u>		
4.00-4.45 4.00 4.00	SPT(C) 50/295 B T			2,3/5,6,7,32	6.67		4.00 4.10	Very stiff brown slightly sandy gravelly CLAY with occasional subangular to subrounded cobbles. Obstruction: Large boulder or rockhead Refusal at 4.50m	Scala			
Remarks Borehole cor No groundwa Borehole boa	nplete at 4.50mBGL ater encountered.	reipstates							Scale (approx)	Logge By	d	
Chiselling fro	om 4.50m to 4.50m f	or 1 hour.	I					_	1:50	Tmcl		
									Figure N 9754-07-20	o. D.R15-CF	P03	

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				Particle			Index Pro	perties	Bulk	Cell	Undrained Tria	xial Tests	Lab	
BH/TP	Depth	sample	Moisture	Density	<425um	LL	PL	PI	Density	Presssure	Compressive	Strain at	Vane	Remarks
No	m	No.	%	Mg/m3	%	%	%	%	Mg/m3	kPa	Stress kPa	Failure %	kPa	
R15-CP03	2.0	В	14.5		59.4	33	19	14						
R15-CP03	4.0	В	14.6		63.2	35	18	17						
R15-CP05	2.0	В	16.9		64.0	35	21	14						
R15-CP05	4.0	В	12.8		53.1	31	16	15						
R15-CP06	2.5	В	24.9		54.2	38	28	10						
R15-CP06	3.0	В	42.9		66.8	44	31	13						
R15-CP07A	2.5	В	26.8		67.8	43	30	12						
R15-CP07A	3.5	В	19.1		46.0	28	Non Plast	tic						
R15-CP07A	4.5	В	10.9		61.0	29	16	13						
R15-CP07A	7.0	В	12.6		43.9	25	15	10						
NMTL		Notes :									Job ref No.	NMTL 3326	GII Project ID:	9754-07-20
]		1. All BS tests carried out using preferred (definitive) method unless otherwise stated					vise stated.	Location	on Bus Connect Routes				

SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS





Appendix C

Photos of Existing Wall

Photos of existing wall

