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ABP PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION REF: ABP- 309584-21

9th September 2022

**RE: Application under Section 51 of the Roads Act 1993, as amended, for approval of the
BALLYMUN/FINGLAS TO CITY CENTRE CORE BUS CORRIDOR SCHEME**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The National Transport Authority (NTA) is submitting the enclosed Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement for the Ballymun/Finglas to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme to An Bord Pleanála and are hereby applying for approval under section 51 of the Roads Act, 1993, as amended, for the purposes of construction and operation of the Ballymun/Finglas to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme for the purposes of facilitating public transport.

The Ballymun/Finglas to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme consists of construction of bus and cycle infrastructure over an overall length of approximately 10.9 km along Ballymun Road, St. Mobhi Road, Botanic Road, Prospect Road, Phibsborough Road, Constitution Hill and Church Street, and along Finglas Road from the St. Margaret's Road junction to Prospect Road at Hart's Corner, as well as quiet-street cycle routes along Royal Canal Bank in Phibsborough, and through the Markets Area from Constitution Hill to Ormond Quay, all in the County of Dublin and within the administrative areas of Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council.

The Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been prepared and compiled in accordance with the provisions of the Roads Act, 1993, as amended and in accordance with Directive 2011/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 in respect of the proposed road development. A Natura Impact Statement has also been prepared in respect of the proposed road development.

I enclose:

- The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) (including all Appendices, Figures, etc.) dated September 2022 (2 x hard copies and 2 x electronic copies on enclosed USB Flash Drives) comprising;
 - Volume 1 – Non Technical Summary
 - Volume 2 – Main Chapters
 - Volume 3 – Figures
 - Volume 4 – Appendices
- The Natura Impact Statement (NIS) (including all Appendices and Figures) dated September 2022 (2 x hard copies and 2 x electronic copies on enclosed USB Flash Drives);

- The Appropriate Assessment Screening Report (including all Appendices and Figures) dated September 2022 (2 x hard copies and 2 x electronic copies on enclosed USB Flash Drives). The associated AA Screening Determination made by the NTA is available at www.ballymunfinglasscheme.ie
- An Irish language version of the Non-Technical Summary of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (2 x hard copies and 2 x electronic copies on enclosed USB Flash Drives)
- Confirmation Notice issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage 2nd September 2022 confirming that the required information has been entered onto the EIA Portal, Portal ID Number 2022169 (2 x hard copies and 2 x electronic copies on enclosed USB Flash Drives).

Supplementary Information:

- Map of the location of the proposed road development (Location Maps) to a scale of not less than 1:1,000 in relation to built-up areas and 1:2,500 in relation to all other areas (2 x hard copies and 2 x electronic copies on enclosed USB Flash Drives),
- Preliminary Design Report (including Appendices) dated June 2022 (2 x hard copies and 2 x electronic copies on enclosed USB Flash Drives)
- Preferred Route Option Report (including Appendices) dated May 2022 (2 x hard copies and 2 x electronic copies on enclosed USB Flash Drives)
- Public Consultation Summary Report 2018-2022 (including Appendices) (2 x hard copies and 2 x electronic copies on enclosed USB Flash Drives)

All of the above documentation can also be accessed on the National Transport Authority's stand-alone dedicated website for the Ballymun/Finglas to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme, at www.ballymunfinglasscheme.ie

The National Transport Authority will also send to An Bord Pleanála in due course:

- Newspaper Notices to be published pursuant to section 51(3)(a) of the Roads Act 1993 (as amended) in the **Dublin Gazette** and the **Irish Independent** (one local newspapers and one national newspaper) (2 x hard copies and 2 x electronic copies), and
- All notices to be served on prescribed bodies (2 x hard copies and 2 x electronic copies).

The National Transport Authority can confirm that the application fee of €60,000 has been paid by Electronic Funds Transfer to An Bord Pleanála and notification has been sent to finance@pleanala.ie and wishes to advise An Bord Pleanála that a related compulsory purchase order namely 'Ballymun/Finglas to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme Compulsory Purchase Order 2022' will be lodged in the next number of days and that the NTA will be seeking a fee waiver in relation to that CPO.

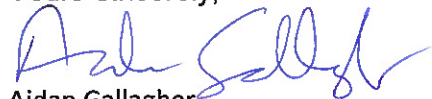
Should you have any queries in relation to the enclosed documentation, please contact the undersigned:

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Yours Sincerely,



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