

## BusConnects Preliminary Design Report - Appendix C: Deviations from Design Standards Lucan to City Centre CBC

Direction	Location	Design Element	DMURS/NCM Standard Required	Туре	Design	Justification		
Inbound	Ch. A300 - A550	Carriageway Width	Lane width = 3.0m	Deviation	Lane width = 2.5 - 3.0m	Existing traffic lane width retained on service road running adjacent to the N4 outbound carriageway		
Outbound	Ch. A420-A650	Cycle Track	Cycle Track Width = 1.75m	Deviation	Cycle Lane width = 1.5m	Existing cycle lane facilities have been retained with an alternative route proposed as part of the design as an offline route. The alternative route will provide a Quiet Street along Ballyowen Lane and Hermitage Road to access Ballyowen Road from the N4 Footbridge (Ch. A900).		
Inbound	A 2850 - A 3000	Visibility	(DMURS requires a SSD of 65m for 60km/hr)	Deviation	SSD 63m	The existing carriageway is generally retained at this location to minimise impacts of the scheme on the existing road layout through this heavily constrained grade separated junction. The existing carriageway hatch to allow corner visibility has been removed to facilitate the addition of a bus lane. The SSD reduces to 63m for citybound traffic on the inner lane of the R148 Chapelizod Bypass. As a consquence the SSD is restricted by the VRS on the southern side of the M50 overbridge.  The reduction in SSD occurs to the low object height of 0.26m however full desirable minimum SSD of 65m is provided to the high object height when looking over the VRS to the high object height of 1.05m.		
Southbound	Ch. A3675 (Kennelsfort Road Lower)	Footway (Southbound)	Footway width = 1.8m	Permitted Reduction	Footway width = 1.7m - 1.8m	Footway width reduced over 5m to facilitate a turning pocket for right turning vehicles as part of Palmerstown Lodge planning application.		
Inbound	Ch. A3700	Carriageway Radii	Corner radii = 9.0m	Deviation	Corner Radii = 18.0m	Significant HGV movement from Palmerstown Bypass to Kennelsfort Road Lower. Higher radii required to facilitate safe movement of HGVs.		
Outbound	Ch. A3700	Carriageway Radii	Corner radii = 9.0m	Deviation	Corner Radii = 20m	Significant HGV movement from Chapelizod Bypass to Kennelsfort Road Upper. Higher radii required to facilitate safe movement of HGVs.		
Inbound	Ch. A7800 - A7900	Cycle Track	Cycle Track Width = 1.75m	Deviation	Cycle track width = 1.5m	Cycle track is tapered down to 1.5m to accomodate minimum width footway, existing traffic lanes and proposed right turn lane. No further road space is available, as the highway boundary borders the Irish National War Memorial Park.		
Outbound	Ch. A7850 - A7900	Footway	Footway width = 1.8m	Permitted Reduction	Footway width = 1.65m	Footpath narrowed locally to facilitate proposed cycle track		
Inbound	Ch. A7880 - A7885	Footway	Footway width = 1.8m	Permitted Reduction	Footway width = 1.4m	Footpath reduced over 6m length to accommodate the jug right turn for cyclists		
Outbound	Ch. A8450	Carriageway Radii	Corner radii = 9.0m	Deviation	Corner Radii = 13.5m	Corner radii increased to facilitate movement of left tunring HGV's.		
Southbound	Ch. A8475	Cycle Track	Cycle Track Width = 1.5m	Deviation	Cycle track width = 1.2m - 1.4m	15.0m right turn lane only, concrete protection island is to be provided at stop line for further protection and reduce risk of cyclist/vehicle collision.		
Outbound	Ch. A8500 - A8550	Cycle Track (Outbound)	Cycle Track Width = 1.75m	Deviation	Cycle track width = 1.5m	Cycle track width reduced to retain vehicle/bus lane widths and to provide 1.8m min footway width		
Outbound	Ch. A8625 - A8700	Cycle Track (Outbound)	Cycle Track Width = 1.75m	Deviation	Cycle track width = 1.5m	Cycle track width is below standard to retain vehicle/bus lane widths and to provide a minimum 1.8m footway width due to minimum road space available.		
Inbound	Ch. A9000 - A9060	Carriageway Width	Lane width = 3.0m	Deviation	Lane width = 2.8m - 2.9m	Straight on and right turn lanes reduced to below 3.0m to accommodate cycle track while retaining existing trees within verge. Widening into the median has been discounted due to the substanial works required to setback the exsiting retaining wall/reinforced earthworks.		
Inbound	Ch. A9100 - A9250	Footway	Footway width = 1.8m	Deviation	Footway width = 1.2m-1.6m	Existing substandard footway to be retained to retain existing trees.		
Inbound	Ch. A9307 - A9320	Footway	Footway width = 1.8m	Permitted Reduction	Footway width = 1.7m	Footpath reduced to facilitate proposed cycle track which includes the provision of waiting area for right turning cyclists without impeding on going cyclists		
Outbound	Ch. B225	Footway	Footway width = 1.8m	Permitted Reduction	Footway width = 1.5m-1.8m	Reduction in width over a length of max. 5.0m. Reduction required to facilitate 2-way cycle track and retain existing vehicle movements onto Ballyowen Road. Cross-section constrained either side of carriageway.		
Inbound	Ch. I0 to I883	Footway	Footway width = 1.8m	Permitted Reduction	Footway width = 1.6m-2.2m	Existing bridge/conditions are to be retained. Significant works required to facilitate widening of existing bridge required to facilitate NCM requirements.		
Inbound	Ch. l625-l883	Cycle Track	Cycle Track Width = 2.65m	Deviation	Cycle track width = 1.5-2.5m	Existing bridge/conditions are to be retained. Significant works required to facilitate widening of existing bridge required to facilitate NCM requirements.		

## BusConnects Lucan to City Centre CBC Preliminary Design Report - Appendix C: Departures from Design Standards

Departure Reference	Design Discipline	Zone	Location: Road Name	Location: Chainage (Design)	Design Speed	Description of departure	Relevant Design Guideline/Standard	Standard Required	Departure Justification
DEP-6.001	Horizontal Geometry – Merge Layout	1	N4 Junction 3 Mainline Eastbound Merge Slip Road	A300 - A550	85km/h	Non-standard merge layout	DN-GEO-03060 Geometric Design of Junctions. Section 7.5 Merges  DN-GEO-03087 Hard Shoulder Bus Priority Meaures on Motorways and Type 1 Dual Carriageways Section 7.6.2 Through Junction Running Type A	N/A	At this location there is already a bus lane on the N4 mainline in lieu of the hard shoulder and merging traffic is provided with a Layout A Parallel Merge as per Figure 7.4.1 of DN-GEO-03060 by creating a break in the bus lane.  As part of the Proposed Scheme a new continuous bus lane is provided on the nearside of the merge and the existing cross section of the approach lane to the merge will be amended from a single -5.5m lane with 0.7m hard strip to a single 3.5m lane for general traffic, 3.0m bus lane, 1.3m separation island (between bus lane and general traffic lane) and 0.7m hard strip.  The proposed arrangement includes bus gate signals as per Figure 3 of DN-GEO-03087 to control the movement of buses from the existing mainline bus lane. The new bus lane and general traffic and will be continuous with as per Figure 3 of DN-GEO-03087. A kerbed island is to be provided between the new bus lane and general traffic to enforce the separation. The proposal retains the existing Layout A Parallel Merge as per Figure 7.4.1 of DN-GEO-03060 for general traffic, with the lengths of the Nose, Auxiliary Lane and Taper all designed to standard, and with an auxiliary lane width of 3.5m.
DEP-6.002	Horizontal Geometry - Diverge Layout	1	N4 Junction 2 Eastbound Diverge Slip Road	A1050 - A1350	85km/h	Non-standard diverge layout	DN-GEO-03060 Geometric Design of Junctions. Section 7.6 Diverges  DN-GEO-03087 Hard Shoulder Bus Priority Meaures on Motorways and Type 1 Dual Carriageways Section 7.6.6 Non-Through Junction Running Diverge Layout and Section 7.6.7 Through Junction Running Diverge Layout	N/A	At this location there is already a bus lane on the N4 mainline in lieu of a hard shoulder. In addition, diverging traffic is provided with a Layout A Parallel Merge as per Figure 7.6.1 of DN-GEO-03060 by creating a break in the bus lane. There is also an existing bus lane on the slip road after the diverge.  As part of the Proposed Scheme a new continuous bus lane is provided on the nearside of the diverge and this will join the existing bus lane on the slip road beyond the diverge. The existing mainline bus lane in lieu of the hard shoulder also continues as per the existing arrangement.  The proposed arrangement at the diverge therefore includes both Non-Through Junction Running bus lane, as per Figure 7 of DN-GEO-03087, and a Through Junction Running bus lane, as per Figure 8 of DN-GEO-03087. To provide some separation betwen these two components, ghost island chevron markings are prposed between the bus lane diverge and the general traffic diverge. The lengths of the Taper, Auxiliary Lane and Nose for the general traffic diverge are all designed to standard, with a lane width of 3.5m.
DEP-6.003	Visibility	1	N4 Mainline Eastbound - Westbound of N4 Junction 1	A1400 - A2400	60km/h	Clear Visibility Distance to signage = 170m	TSM Chapter 2 (Table 2.3.1)	Clear Visibility Distance = 300m	As part of the Proposed Scheme the existing bus stops at Liffey Valley Shoping Centre (LVSC) are to be relocated some 150m further west of the existing bus stops, with a new pedestrian footbridge provided at Ch.A2230, to provide pedestrians on the north side of the N4 access to the new public transport interchange at the LVSC. In addition, lane destination markings for the eastbound carriageway between junction 2 and the M50 are proposed to be amended: from junction 2 here nearside lane will be marked for M50 Northbound traffic only, and the central lane will be marked for the R148 traffic only. The offside lane will remain marked for M50 Southbound traffic only. There are four existing gantries between Junction and the M50 and the lane destination signs on these existing gantries are proposed to be changed to reflect the proposed new pedestrian footbridge obstructs the visibility of eastbound drivers to one of the gantries, namely the gantry located at Ch. A2350, from the required 300m (stated within TSM Chapter 2) to 170m. It is noted that TSM Chapter 2, Table 2.3.1 does not include any reduction to the 300m clear visibility distance for gantry signage to account for lower speed restrictions, and thus the 300m applies equally to roads with 120km/hr of 60km/hr speed restriction. Considering Stopping Sight Distance (SSD) for example, TII standard DN-GEO-03031 (Table 1.3) states SSD for 120km/hr is 295m, for 100km/hr is 215m, for 85km/hr is 160m and for 60km/hr is 90m. (DMURS requires a SSD of 65m for 60km/hr). A pro-rata reduction from the 300m quoted in TSM Chapter 2, Table 2.3.1 to the 170m is considered proportionate and acceptable in the context of a 60km/hr speed restriction.  In addition, in order to mitigate the above and reinforce the revised lane destination signs, immediately west of the new destination of a new portal gantry, including additional lane destination signs, immediately west of the new destination of a new portal gantry, including additional lane destination signs, immediately west of the

