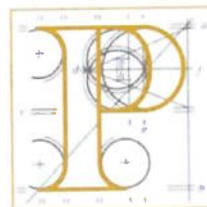


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Fingal County Council
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Date: 15 February 2024

Re: BusConnects Swords to City Centre Bus Corridor Scheme
Swords to Dublin City Centre

Dear Sir / Madam,

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

Please note that the proposed road development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it or approved it with modifications.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board on at laps@pleanala.ie

Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Breda Ingle
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Good afternoon,

I attach the FCC response to ABP regarding ABP-317121-23 Swords to Dublin City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme Observations.

Kind regards,

Paul Keane | Senior Executive Engineer | Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department | Fingal County Council
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8th February 2024

The Secretary,
An Bord Pleanála (Strategic Infrastructure Division)
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By email to sids@pleanala.ie

Re: Case Ref- ABP-317121-23 Swords to Dublin City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme Observations

Dear Secretary,

We refer to the application made by or on behalf of the National Transport Authority (NTA) pursuant to section 51(2) of the Roads Act 1993 (as amended) (the "Act") in relation to the proposed road development consisting of the construction of the Swords to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme (the "Application").

Fingal County Council strongly supports the Core Bus Corridors (CBC) element of the Bus Connects programme and welcomes the opportunity to engage with the statutory planning process in order to ensure that the Swords - City Centre Core Bus Corridor is designed and implemented to take full account of the existing and future needs of the citizens, businesses and communities of Fingal and ensure that the final layout is the optimal design alignment for Bus Connects within Fingal.

As outlined in our previous submission, Fingal County Council's overall objective is to see the provision of a sustainable, high quality and efficient transport corridor that will underpin the future sustainable development of the Swords Road corridor and the wider area including a strong connection with Dublin Airport. The coordination of the proposed CBC proposals with the various other transport proposals being considered by Fingal County Council and the NTA in this area will be a critical aspect in ensuring that the overall capacity of the corridor is maintained both during construction and in the longer-term operational stage.

We welcome the response of the NTA to our submission and generally agree with the approach outlined in the NTA document, *Swords to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme November 2023*. Specific comments are outlined below:

Comments from Active Travel

- 2.6.9.4 - Bicycle parking at bus stops
Consideration should be given to colour differentials following complaints from advocacy groups for people with visual impairments. Consideration is needed for other types of bicycle parking such as cargo bikes.

- Re the drawings: There does not appear to be a raised table ramp at the following junctions: Vehicular Exit at Premier Inn, Airside - Drawing File Name: BCIDB-JAC-GEO_GA-0002_XX_00-DR-CR-0003

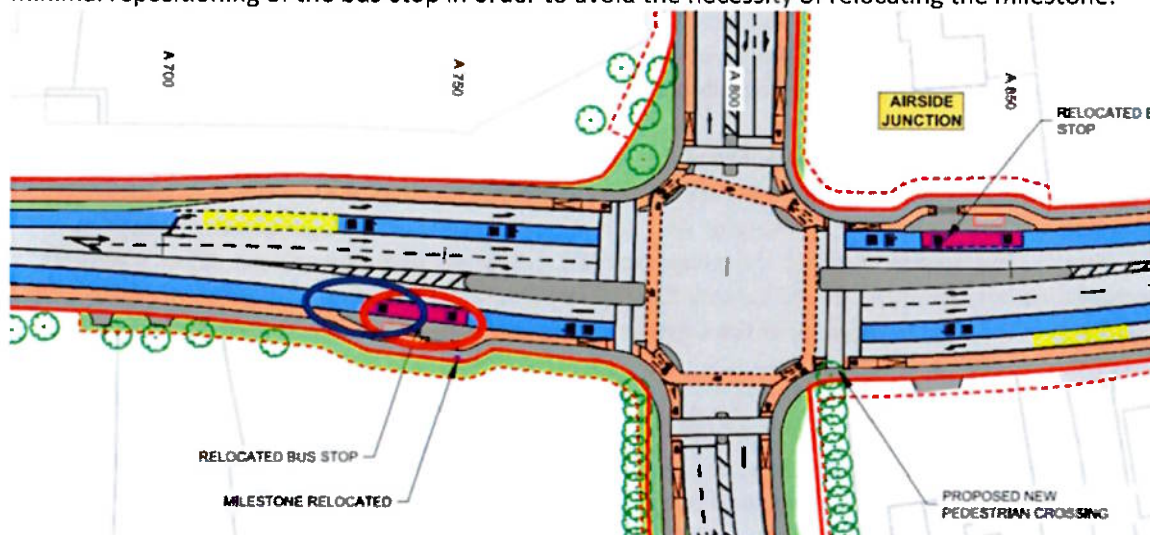
Fingal Conservation Office Comments:

1. Bus Connects Bus Stop North of Airside Junction (heading northwards)

The NTA response is that it does not intend to amend the location of the bus-stop but for the protected structure of the milestone (RPS No. 866). The levels of impact on the milestone from the different stages of construction as outlined in the EIAR are re-stated. The post-mitigation impact is described as Direct, Negative, Slight and Temporary. Fingal's Architectural Conservation Officer would consider the re-positioning of a milestone as a significant and permanent impact.

As previously stated, in the in Fingal County Council Observation to An Bord Pleanála dated 11 Sept 2023, the position of the historic milestone is an integral part of its significance. Its original placement was to mark an exact measurement of distance along a turnpike coach road that ran from Dublin to Dunleer and then onto Drogheda. The distance marked was the old Irish mile which is no longer used. Therefore, both the position and the distance it marks are of great importance. The alteration of its position fundamentally alters its significance as it severs the technical link between the measurement its placement is marking.

The request from Fingal County Council for the reposition of the bus-stop was not for the complete removal of the stop or its relocation by a substantial distance. A slight movement of the bus-stop northwards by just enough distance that the milestone could remain in its current placement was all that was being sought. Fingal County Council asks that the scheme be amended to allow for the minimal repositioning of the bus-stop in order to avoid the necessity of relocating the milestone.



Extract from General Arrangement Drawing No BCIDB-JAC-GEO_GA-0002_XX_00-DR-CR-0003 (red circle marks current location of proposed bus stop, navy circle is indicative revised position if this sufficient to avoid reposition of milestone)

Should An Bord Pleanála be minded to request the amendment of the scheme at this location and the slight re-positioning of the bus-stop then the following will also be required.

- The milestone needs to be adequately protected during the construction phase should the scheme proceed. Due to the low height of the milestone the protection will need to be

sufficiently greater than the physical structure itself so that it is visible to construction vehicles. A buffer area should be erected around it to facilitate its protection. Details of the measures to safeguard the milestone need to be provided and agreed with the Conservation Office of the Planning Authority prior to any form of construction activity on site including ground preparation.

- The design of the area around the relocated bus stop will need to include details on how the setting of the milestone will be addressed. This needs careful consideration. Exact details need to be provided in plan and elevation drawings for agreement with the Planning Authority.

2. Temporary Restriction of Access to Stockhole Lane

No comments on the NTA response.

3. Clarification of Changes Fronting Castlemoate House

Clarification has been provided that the immediate modern boundary to Castlemoate House will not be changed. Regarding the fencing being placed in the adjoining lands to either side of Castlemoate House (some of which are former lands associated with the house) this should be black in colour if it is a metal fence.

4. Impact on Front Boundary of Protected Structure RPS No. 604 Thatched Cottage, Collinstown.

Fingal County Council is of the opinion that the impact of the proposed temporary land acquisition during the construction phase is too significant (the magnitude of the impact is stated as being high). There is limited space between the exterior walls of the house and the boundary of the property to the front, rear and south side so that any reduction within these parts of the site will be of high magnitude. The land take is directly adjoining the front entrance door to the residence. Any land take at this location, whether temporary or permanent, is not appropriate. The land take at this location should be omitted.

Fingal County Council welcomes the ongoing consultation on the Swords Core Bus Corridor project and believes that it will deliver significant benefits to the Swords-Dublin Airport-Dublin City corridor, Fingal and the wider Dublin region. There are certain areas that require further consideration, as set out in the foregoing, and we look forward to working with the Bord and the applicant, as appropriate, to assist in addressing these issues to facilitate the delivery of this key piece of infrastructure.

Yours faithfully,

Matthew McAleese, Director of Services
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department