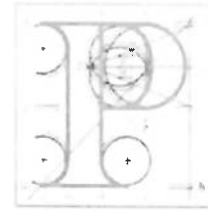


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**Re:** BusConnects Swords to City Centre Bus Corridor Scheme  
Swords to Dublin City Centre

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed road development. The contents of your letter have been noted.

If you have any queries in relation to this 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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Dear ABP,

In response to your letter dated 5th January 2024 Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) has reviewed the NTA Observations on the Proposed Scheme Submissions, where the original submission made by TII in June 2023 is recorded as submission no. 51 in subsection 2.6.12.

I attach TII's response for the Boards consideration. I would appreciate an acknowledgement of receipt.

Regards

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

Dear Ms. Ingle,

Further to receipt of your letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024, Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) has reviewed the *NTA Observations on the Proposed Scheme Submissions*, dated November 2023 where the original submission made by TII in June 2023 is recorded as submission no. 51 in subsection 2.6.12 of that report.

Firstly, TII wishes to acknowledge and support the BusConnects Project in playing a key part of the Government's policy to improve public transport and address climate change in Dublin and other cities across Ireland.

TII advises that a briefing meeting on BusConnects Swords to City Centre Bus Corridor Scheme was held with TII on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2023. At that meeting, TII raised many of the issues, subsequently, and unfortunately, which had to be included in the Authority's original submission on the Scheme issued to the Board.

With respect, TII would highlight that the NTA relies on the close cooperation of the road authorities, Fingal, Dublin City and TII (for the national roads elements and interaction, as well as Luas) for these critical projects. Having reviewed the application documents and also the NTA response, TII considers that the response does not adequately address the recommendations made by TII to the interactions with national road assets and managed areas, especially the Airport Roundabout, and also direct interactions with Luas in the city centre. Appropriate design and management of the proposed interactions are required to not only protect the efficiency and safety of the strategic national road network and the operation of Luas but also the safety of the general public and road user safety as well as to facilitate effective delivery of the proposal.

TII advises that BusConnects proposals introduce new infrastructure within the TII Motorway Maintenance and Renewal Contracts (MMaRC) Network Area boundary and Luas assets network. These interactions will have consequences for liability and maintenance responsibilities and also as further detailed design will be required and necessary to address TII Publications standards (including safety) and also the Luas *"Code of engineering practice for works on, near, or adjacent the Luas light rail system."*

TII advises that the matters highlighted would have been best resolved prior to the submission of the scheme to avoid unforeseen impacts on the delivery of the proposed scheme and TII assets. However, inevitability, as indicated by the NTA's *Observations* report, the progression of the proposed Scheme in co-ordinated manner with the maintenance of the safe and efficient operation of the national roads and light rail networks will require coordinated resolution prior to the scheme commencing, if approved.

TII notes that recent Board decisions in relation to BusConnects schemes, subsequent to the submission of this proposal, have included conditions related to the detailed design stage implementation at for interactions with national infrastructural authorities such as Uisce Éireann. To resolve TII's issues and also building on the NTA commentary, it is considered that a similar approach would be appropriate in this instance, if the Board is minded to granting approval.

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To assist the Board in the consideration of this critical project and to avoid any unnecessary delays with respect to its potential implementation, TII recommends the following:

1. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall engage with Transport Infrastructure Ireland to agree plans and details of works, construction traffic, and the management of assets thereafter, on, or in the vicinity of the national road network and associated managed areas. All detailed designs and works which interact with TII assets shall be in accordance with the requirements of TII Publications as appropriately agreed.

**Reason:** In the interests of protecting the capacity, safety, and efficiency of national roads network and ensuring coordinated delivery of the Bus Corridor Scheme.

2. For Luas, TII advises that prior to commencement of development the proposed Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) will need to be submitted for the written agreement of the planning authorities and shall include a method statement to resolve all Luas interfaces. The method statement shall be in accordance with TII's *"Code of engineering practice for works on, near, or adjacent the Luas light rail system."*

**Reason:** In the interests of protecting the capacity, safety, and efficiency of Luas light rail transport networks, and ensuring coordinated delivery of the Bus Corridor Scheme.

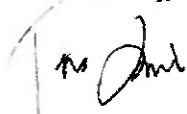
3. For Luas, TII advises that prior to commencement of development the proposed Construction Traffic Management Plan will need to be submitted for the written agreement of the planning authorities and shall include identification of mitigation measures to protect operational Luas infrastructure.

**Reason:** In the interests of protecting the capacity, safety and efficiency of Luas light rail transport networks ensuring coordinated delivery of the Bus Corridor Scheme.

For items 2 and 3, the Board is reminded that a developer or contractor will be required to apply for a works permit from the Luas Operator by virtue of the Light Railway (Regulation of Works) Bye-laws 2004 (S.I. number 101 of 2004) which regulates works occurring close to the Luas infrastructure in accordance with TII's *"Code of engineering practice for works on, near, or adjacent the Luas light rail system"*. The developer shall be liable for all of TII's costs associated with the removal and reinstatement of Luas related building fixings and infrastructure. The permit application will require prior consultation, facilitated by the Luas operator, Transdev.

TII trusts that the foregoing comments will be of assistance to the Board in considering the BusConnects Swords to City Centre Bus Corridor Scheme. TII would appreciate acknowledgment of receipt of this submission.

Yours faithfully,



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