



**Appendix A**  
Designer's Risk  
Assessment



**DESIGNER'S ASSESSMENT OF RISK**

**Bus Connects  
Kimmage to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme  
PRELIMINARY DESIGN STAGE**



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**Notes:**

- This Design Risk Assessment has been prepared in the Preliminary Design Stage of the project so that construction and operational risks can be reduced where possible and best managed.
- This Preliminary Safety & Health Plan (PSHP) has been prepared by the Designer for issue to the Contractor to assist in the preparation of the Construction Safety & Health Plan (CSHP).
- The Contractor shall provide safety induction for all personnel and carry out site specific health & safety risk assessments for each works element. All necessary PPE should be provided.

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	Contractor	Public	End User	Maintainer		
Work which puts persons at work at risk of falling from a height.	✓	✓			<p><i>Work on public lighting columns and overhead utility diversions.</i></p> <p><i>Possibly where cellars under the street may be affected by the works, or where structures such as boundary walls &gt; 1.5m high require demolition.</i></p> <p><i>Canal bridge widening with retaining walls and ramp. Poddle boardwalk at Sundrive. (P)</i></p> <p><i>Suitable protective measures shall be provided by the Contractor.</i></p>	Yes
Work which puts persons at work at risk of burial under earthfalls.	✓				<p><i>Limit depths of trenches required for drainage pipes and utility duct as much as possible. All trenches and excavations shall be suitably supported.</i></p> <p><i>Suitable protective measures shall be provided by the Contractor.</i></p>	No
Work which puts persons at work at risk of engulfment in swampland (P)					<i>Not anticipated.</i>	N/A
Work which puts persons at work at risk from chemical or biological substances (P)	✓	✓			<p><i>The design requires excavations in unknown ground conditions that will vary according to location. Towards the City Centre the streets were previously widened and buildings demolished with potential for remnant materials below ground. The design requires connections to existing combined sewers. The design may require the use of chemical sprays, paints or thinners. The design requires handling of in-situ concrete.</i></p> <p><i>Sufficient ground investigation and testing will be carried out to determine the chemical make-up of the ground. All ground investigation testing information is to be provided to the Contractor.</i></p> <p><i>Combined sewers should be adequately vented prior to personnel entering. Confined spaces training shall be provided to all personnel entering combined sewers. Personnel shall be provided with adequate breathing apparatus.</i></p> <p><i>Personnel shall be provided with suitable special PPE including breathing apparatus while using chemical sprays, paints and thinners, and such works areas will be suitably screened from the public.</i></p> <p><i>Personnel handling in-situ concrete shall be provided with appropriate PPE.</i></p> <p><i>Chemicals that are hazardous to health shall be stored in a suitable secure location.</i></p>	No
Work with ionising radiation (P)					<i>Not anticipated.</i>	N/A

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Work near high voltage power lines (P)	✓				<p><i>The design requires works in the vicinity of high voltage cables.</i></p> <p><i>All existing utility information will be provided to the Contractor.</i> <i>The Contractor shall contact utility providers and satisfy themselves to the location of high voltage cables prior to commencing works.</i></p>	Yes
Work exposing persons at work to the risk of drowning (P)	✓	✓			<p><i>The design requires works for bridges over the Grand Canal and adjacent to the River Poddle.</i></p> <p><i>The detailed design will make provision for adequate pedestrian restraint systems to ensure members of the public do not inadvertently fall into watercourses and entrances to culverts.</i></p> <p><i>The Contractor shall carry out site specific health &amp; safety risk assessments for construction works adjacent to all watercourses and provide safety induction for all personnel. All necessary PPE should be provided including bouyancy aids as appropriate.</i> <i>The Contractor shall erect suitable edge protection adjacent to ensure workers do not inadvertently fall into a watercourse.</i></p>	No
Work involving the use of explosives (P)					Not anticipated.	N/A
Work involving the assembly or dismantling of heavy prefabricated components (P)	✓	✓			<p><i>The design requires works involving handling of heavy components for construction of bridges, retaining walls, drainage pipes, manholes and erection of traffic signal poles and signs and public lighting columns.</i></p> <p><i>Heavy components shall have adequate lifting rings or secure attachment points, etc.</i> <i>The Contractor shall employ a safe system of work and adequate ropes/chains for the erection of poles and columns.</i></p>	No
Confined Spaces	✓				<p><i>The design requires works in existing and proposed manholes and culverts, and potentially cellars.</i></p> <p><i>Personnel undertaking these elements of work shall have adequate confined spaces training.</i></p> <p><i>Potential for limited works at cellars and sewers for pipe connections.</i></p>	No
Construction Traffic	✓	✓			<p><i>The design requires access and movement by construction machinery and vehicles for works along existing roads and streets that require to cater for public access to properties at all times.</i></p> <p><i>The Contractor shall plan for each works zone with provision for safe movement of machinery and traffic.</i></p> <p><i>Construction traffic shall use designated entry/egress points to enter public spaces and along designated access routes to the site, with suitable barriers around work zones and associated warning signs and active traffic management.</i></p> <p><i>Construction vehicles and machinery shall be in good working order, with flashing beacons and reversing warning alarms.</i></p>	No
Demolition, including removal of trees	✓	✓			<p><i>The design requires the demolition of existing structures and street furniture and some tree removal.</i></p> <p><i>Public Safety shall be ensured through provision of suitable buffer zones around all demotion works.</i> <i>The Contractor shall provide safety induction for all personnel and carry out site specific health &amp; safety risk assessments for each demolition process.</i> <i>The Contractor shall develop a safe system of work and provide temporary support where required.</i></p>	No

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Dust	✓	✓			<p><i>Dust may be generated as part of the Works.</i></p> <p><i>It is not possible to eliminate the risk of generation of dust as this is inherent in construction activity. The contractor shall implement suitable site control measures to minimise disturbance and dispersal of dust and dirt. All works are to be undertaken in accordance with National Guidelines for the Prevention of Nosocomial Invasive Aspergillosis During Construction Activities" issued by the National Disease Surveillance Centre. All operatives should be provided with suitable PPE and undertake a site specific safety induction and regular tool box talks.</i></p>	No
Excavations	✓	✓			<p><i>The design requires excavations for structures, drainage and utilities, which may be located close to public movements along the road or street.</i></p> <p><i>Ground Investigation Reports will be provided to the Contractor.</i></p> <p><i>The Contractor shall provide temporary support to all excavations.</i></p>	No
Flooding	✓	✓	✓	✓	<p><i>There is a risk of flooding along the River Poddle, and in the existing drainage systems.</i></p> <p><i>A Flood Risk Assessment shall be undertaken in the design process to inform the provision of suitable watercourse and drainage capacity to reduce flood risks as much as practicable during the works and operations stages.</i></p> <p><i>A flood warning and monitoring system shall be provided upstream of the works areas in conjunction with the local authority and Office of Public Works as appropriate.</i></p> <p><i>Sufficient flow capacity shall be provided in all temporary watercourse diversions and temporary drainage systems to minimise the risk of flooding being caused by the works.</i></p> <p><i>Protective measures shall be provided to minimise the risk of flood waters encroaching on public areas and private properties.</i></p>	Yes
Live Traffic	✓	✓	✓	✓	<p><i>The design requires works in a live road including provision of replacement and new utilities that will require future access for maintenance.</i></p> <p><i>All utilities shall be located where possible in the footpath or near the road edges to limit interactions with live traffic during construction and maintenance.</i></p> <p><i>The Contractor will plan the arrangements for each works zone to provide suitable protection from and for live traffic.</i></p> <p><i>The Contractor will agree TTM ( in accordance TSM) with the local authority and relevant stakeholders.</i></p>	No
Live Traffic		✓	✓	✓	<p><i>Potential operational hazards due to provision of new trees in the road and other obstacles.</i></p> <p><i>Select suitable species of tree to limit growth over traffic lanes and need for maintenance. Provide passively safe features and locate away from road edge.</i></p>	No
Presence of Asbestos	✓	✓			<p><i>Unknown and to be determined in the Design Process through Ground Investigation and Utility Records for watermains.</i></p> <p><i>In the event that any asbestos material is encountered on site, best practice guidelines in relation to the removal, storage and transportation shall be followed.</i></p>	No

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Slips & Trips	✓	✓			<p><i>Slips, trips and falls are a risk on uneven ground or where the construction works require an existing public route to be diverted.</i></p> <p><i>Works areas shall be managed in a tidy manner to minimise slip and trip hazards for site operatives.</i></p> <p><i>Footway diversions shall be constructed to a high quality to avoid risk to the general public of slips, trips or falls.</i></p>	No
Unauthorised Access			✓		<p><i>The site is located adjacent to residential and commercial properties along public roads.</i></p> <p><i>The Contractor shall secure the works areas to prevent unauthorised access at all times.</i></p>	No
Vibration	✓				<p><i>White Finger or other occupational hazards associated with pneumatic tools.</i></p> <p><i>Use of unmanned/remote control plant where possible.</i></p> <p><i>The Contractor shall take measures such as limiting exposure durations for operatives.</i></p>	No
Welfare	✓				<p><i>The Contractor shall provide adequate welfare facilities for all site personnel.</i></p>	No
Weils Disease and other mammal borne diseases	✓				<p><i>The Contractor shall provide safety induction for all personnel about this risk and to adopt safe working practices including use of gloves and washing of exposed skin and potentially contaminated clothing.</i></p>	No
Work involving exposure of people to excessive noise	✓	✓			<p><i>Large plant and machinery will be required for the works in close proximity to homes and work locations.</i></p> <p><i>The Works Contract should limit working hours and specify maximum noise levels.</i></p> <p><i>The Contractor shall use the most quiet suitable machinery available and silencers/mufflers or alternative construction methods.</i></p>	No
Contamination of watercourses or groundwater			✓		<p><i>The design requires works adjacent to the watercourses that are vulnerable to pollution.</i></p> <p><i>The Contractor shall undertake the Works in such a manner as to avoid degradation of water quality either by pollution from oil spills or contamination by chemical substances or silt.</i></p>	No
Additional Risk: Personal Security				✓	<p><i>The Site is located in an urban area potentially at risk of anti social behaviour</i></p> <p><i>The Contractor's personnel should not be present alone on site in hours of darkness or in secluded locations away from public surveillance. Threatening behaviour directed at the Contractors Personnel should be notified to An Garda Síochana.</i></p> <p><i>The Contractor should not leave equipment unattended or unsecured outside working hours.</i></p>	No

**Other parties please take note:** These are the designer's risk evaluations of the design carried out for the purpose of complying with the designers' duties under the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013. The evaluations relate only to those aspects/elements of the project which the Designer is responsible under the terms of appointment by the Employer. Other parties should not rely on these evaluations for their own purposes; in particular, contractors, who must deal with and control all risks arising during construction, must carry out their own definitive risk assessments *ab initio* for that purpose.