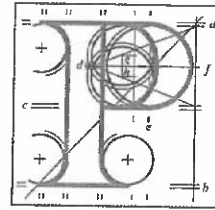


Our Case Number: ABP-314597-22



An  
Bord  
Pleanála

~Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)  
Parkgate Business Centre  
Parkgate Street  
Dublin 8

**Date:** 18 November 2022

**Re:** BusConnects Galway Cross-City Link Scheme.  
University Road to Dublin Road, Galway City.

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.

The Board has also received an application for confirmation of a compulsory purchase order which relates to this proposed road development. The Board has absolute discretion to hold an oral hearing in respect of any application before it, in accordance with section 218 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Accordingly, the Board will inform you in due course on this matter. The Board shall also make a decision on both applications at the same time.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

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

Yours faithfully,

Niamh Thornton  
Executive Officer  
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**To:** Niamh Thornton  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached a copy of TII's observations on the above application.

Yours sincerely,  
Michael McCormack  
Senior Land Use Planner

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by e.mail; bord@pleanala.ie

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Re. **Bus Connects Galway; Cross City Link**  
**(ABP Case ref. HA61.314597)**

Dear Secretary,

The Authority acknowledges receipt of referral of the above proposed L.A. Road Development application and supports the development of an integrated transport network in the City, including proposed public transport measures such as the subject Cross City Link prepared in accordance with the Galway Transport Strategy (2016).

A comprehensive traffic and transport assessment (TTA) is included in the application and outlined in Chapter 6 of the EIAR that accompanies the application. Section 6.5.8.3 of the EIAR demonstrates the potential traffic impact in the study area arising from the development of the proposed scheme and associated redistribution of traffic. It is noted that a number of national road junctions on the N6 Bothar na dTreabh are included in the study area.

The TTA does indicate capacity issues arising at a number of national road junctions in the study area. Table 6.90 of the TTA summarises the findings and identifies a number of junctions on the N6 Bothar na dTreabh operating at 100%, and above, capacity, in both a “do minimum” and “do something” assessment scenario.

The Board will be aware that the N6 Bothar na dTreabh will remain a key strategic national road corridor in Galway and the Region pending provision of the N6 Galway City Ring Road (N6GCRR) Scheme which is awaiting finalisation under An Bord Pleanála case ref. Pl. HA07.302848. It is, therefore, critical that the strategic function of the existing N6, national road, is safeguarded in accordance with Government policy.

TII understands that the Galway local authorities and the NTA are undertaking an update of the Galway Transport Strategy (2016). TII considers that the NTA and the Galway local authorities should include, in the Strategy Update, proposals to respond to the capacity issues at the national road junctions identified in the EIAR in order to safeguard and maintain the strategic function of the N6 Bothar na dTreabh, in accordance with the provisions of Government policy, pending the delivery of the N6GCRR.

The Authority trusts that the foregoing comments prove of assistance to the Board in dealing with this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Michael McCormack  
Senior Land Use Planner

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