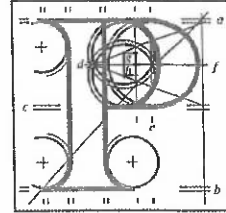


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Date: 30 September 2022

Re: BusConnects Ballymun/Finglas to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme  
Ballymun/Finglas to Dublin City Centre

Dear 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,

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29/09/2022

**RE: SID Ballymun/Finglas to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme**

The bus corridor will transect the River Tolka and The Royal Canal.

The Royal canal supports significant populations of coarse fish not to mention a range of other freshwater aquatic species, plus all associated floral and faunal components in adjacent habitats. Waterways Ireland should be consulted in relation to any works that could potentially impact on the canal.

The Tolka River supports Atlantic salmon, Lamprey and Brown trout populations in addition to other fish species and provides a particularly important nursery function for salmonid species throughout. Salmon were recorded in the Glasnevin area in 2011.

Because of the importance of these waterways it is recommended that the "Guidelines on protection of fisheries during construction works in and adjacent to waters" (2016) <http://www.fisheriesireland.ie/fisheries-management-1/624-guidelines-on-protection-of-fisheries-during-construction-works-in-and-adjacent-to-waters> should be consulted when planning to undertake works near any of the relevant rivers and streams. The maintenance of habitat integrity (both in-stream and riparian) is essential in safeguarding the ecological value of this important urban natural resource.

All works will be completed in line with the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) which ensures that good construction practices are adopted throughout the works period and contains mitigation measures to deal with potential adverse impacts identified in advance of the scheme.

Ground preparation and associated construction works, including large-scale topographic alteration and the creation of roads (as proposed), have significant potential to cause the release of sediments and pollutants into surrounding watercourses. Any dewatering of ground water during the excavation works must be treated by infiltration over land or into an attenuation area before being discharged off site.

The planned crossing of the Royal Canal must be fish passable structures and preferably in the form of clear span designs to minimise in-stream impact. Consultation between the project team and IFI will be essential in order that a fisheries-sustainable solution is arrived at and incorporated in the final works programme.



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Concrete / cement and other construction materials can be highly toxic to aquatic life. Use of these elements should be strictly controlled and monitored with appropriate licensing where applicable, particularly where batching / casting is planned locally. Implementation of comprehensive environmental management planning systems is essential for all construction activities.

Surface water management (SUDS approach) should not in any way result in a deterioration of water quality or habitat in natural river / stream channels or any receiving waterbody. All hard surfaces must be impermeable and allow no seepage of oil or other potential harmful liquids to groundwater.

It is respectfully highlighted that appropriate environmental protection measures are the responsibility of the developer and contractor involved, and all works are subject to the provision of the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act 1977 (as amended) and the Fisheries (Consolidation) Act 1959 (as amended).

IFI have recently published revised "Planning for watercourses in the urban environment" which can provide guidance on site specific measures to enhance, protect, rehabilitate or establish riparian and aquatic habitats. This should be referred to in the EIAR. It can be accessed on our website [www.fisheriesireland.ie](http://www.fisheriesireland.ie)

I trust you will take our observations on board.

Kind regards,

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