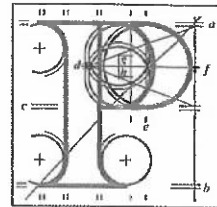


Our Case Number: ABP-313182-22
Your Reference: Tesco Ireland Limited



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RMLA Limited
Unit 3B, Santry Avenue Industrial Estate
Santry Avenue
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Dublin 9
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Date: 13 July 2023

Re: BusConnects Clongriffin to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme
County Dublin

Dear Sir / Madam,

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

If you have any queries in relation to the 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
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: BusConnects Clongriffin to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme

An Bord Pleanála Ref. No. 313182-22

Introduction

We, RMLA, are acting for our Client, Tesco Ireland Limited, Gresham House, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, County Dublin to prepare this submission in response to the submission, dated 21st July 2022, received from the National Transport Authority (hereafter 'NTA') on the abovementioned scheme.

Please note that going forward **all correspondence in relation to this submission should be sent to the Agents, RMLA, Unit 3B, Santry Avenue Industrial Estate, Santry Avenue, Santry, Dublin 9, D09 PH04.** We request that An Bord Pleanála (hereafter 'ABP') keep us informed of any updates relating to this application.

The retail sector makes a major contribution to Dublin City and suburbs, by increasing the vitality and viability of its urban settlements and villages, and acts as an economic anchor, creating significant employment and indirect economic and social activity. In this regard, our client welcomes this opportunity to further engage with the NTA and ABP in respect of the preparation of the BusConnects Scheme.

Clarehall Shopping Centre

As highlighted in our client's previous submission, Tesco have a store located in the Clarehall Shopping Centre. Our client is keen to ensure that HGV's can continue to access the retail centre in a safe manner. As such, it was requested when a HGV is turning left to access the retail centre, that all cyclists should be held at a red light due to a potential lack of visibility.

In response to the above, the NTA have attached a swept path analysis for the entrance to the Clarehall Shopping Centre. The proposed design details kerbed corner islands, thereby forcing turning vehicles into a wide turn and removing the risk of vehicles cutting into the cycle route at the junction corner. The NTA have stated:

"These raised islands create a protected ring for cyclists navigating the junction, improving safety for right turning cyclists. This is the most significant new safety feature that is being introduced as part of the BusConnects programme."

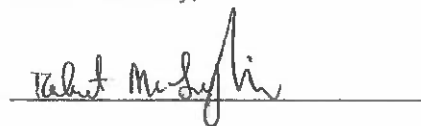
Our client welcomes the response from the NTA and appreciates that consideration has been given to HGV's entering the Shopping Centre. However, we would like to highlight, that the introduction of any new measures e.g., raised islands resulting in the cyclist not having to stop at a red light, should only be provided in conjunction with an awareness campaign taking place. While a car driver turning left into the Centre would have full visibility of an approaching cyclist, cognisance must be given to the fact that delivery and service vehicles may have a larger blind spot meaning potential still exists for conflicts with cyclists. Therefore, the importance of an awareness campaign should not be underestimated, such a campaign is required to educate all road users on the 'right of way' to ensure safety for all road users without conflict.

Conclusion

Tesco fully acknowledges and welcomes the need to improve the accessibility of our city in line with our European counterparts. In this regard, the NTA's investment in sustainable transport to improve the urban environment of Dublin City and its suburbs is welcomed. Our client welcomes the NTA's response; however, we would request, as part of the overall BusConnects scheme, that the importance of providing awareness to new road measures in the form of a campaign directed to drivers, cyclists, bus and service/delivery drivers is brought forward as part of the overall BusConnects scheme, to ensure safety of all road users.

We trust that the points raised in this submission will be considered by An Bord Pleanála as part of the assessment of this application. We are available for discussion on any of the matters referred to above and would also appreciate if you could confirm receipt of this submission by return.

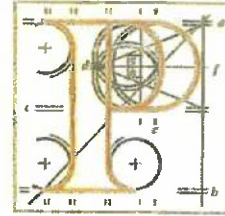
Yours Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert McLoughlin", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert McLoughlin
Managing Director
For and on Behalf of RMLA Limited

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**An
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Avison Young
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Date: 01 June 2023

Re: BusConnects Clongriffin to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme
County Dublin

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer to the above mentioned proposed road development application for approval under section 51(2) of the Roads Act, 1993, as amended.

The Board has considered the case and hereby notifies you that it has decided to determine the application without an oral hearing. In this regard, please be advised that the Board has absolute discretion to hold an oral hearing and has concluded that this case can be dealt with adequately through written procedure.

Accordingly, the Board hereby considers it appropriate to invite you to make a submission in accordance with section 217B of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, in relation to the submission dated 21st July, 2022 received from the National Transport Authority.

A copy of the submission can be found on the Board's website at www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/case/313182 under the heading responses. This submission together with the application documentation is also available for public inspection at the following locations:

An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1

National Transport Authority, Dún Scéine, Harcourt Lane, Dublin 2

Any submission in relation to the above must be received by the Board within 5 weeks from the date of this letter (i.e. not later than 5th July, 2023). No additional fee is required for making a submission.

As there are a number of busconnects applications with the Board for approval you are requested in your response, if any, to provide the following:

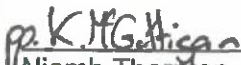
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