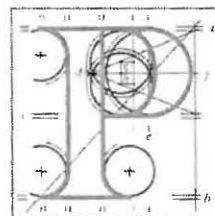


Our Case Number: ABP-317742-23



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~Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)
Parkgate Business Centre
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Date: 06 August 2024

Re: BusConnects Bray to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme
Bray to Dublin City Centre.

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent correspondence in relation to the above mentioned case. The Board will take into consideration the points made in your submission.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board at 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 An Bord Pleanála,

In response to your letters dated 10th and 17th June 2024 Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) has reviewed the *NTA Observations on the Proposed Scheme Submissions* report, where the original submission made by TII in October 2023 is recorded as submission no. 204 in subsection 3.13.12.

Attached is TII's response for the Board's consideration.

Please acknowledge receipt of this submission by return.

Regards and thanks,

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Re: Bray to City Centre BusConnects Core Bus Corridor Scheme

Dear Ms. Reilly,

Further to receipt of your letters dated 13th and 17th June 2024, Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) has reviewed the *NTA Observations on the Proposed Scheme Submissions*, dated May 2024 where the original submission made by TII in October 2023 is recorded as submission no. 204 at subsection 3.13.12 of that report.

In the first instance, TII wishes to reiterate acknowledgment and support of 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.

The *NTA Observations on the Proposed Scheme Submissions* correctly identifies that the TII submission refers to the whole of the proposed scheme area for the Bray to City Centre Bus Corridor Scheme application. TII has determined that the proposal will interact with the national road network carriageways, structures and management and proposes works, including alterations to junctions and within areas maintained as part of the M50 (Junction 17 M50/M11) and the M11 (Junction 5 Bray (North)).

Having reviewed the application documents and the *NTA Observations on the Proposed Scheme Submissions* report, TII considers that the interactions identified with the national road network, its services and structures, and managed areas in the original TII submission are not adequately addressed. Appropriate design and management of the construction and operation of these interactions are required to protect the efficiency and safety of the strategic and finite national road and to ensure co-ordinated delivery and operation of the proposed scheme whilst protecting the safety of the general public and road users.

TII considers it is critical to the safe and efficient operation of the national road network during and after the proposed works that any potential impacts of the proposed works and resulting scheme are adequately mitigated as part of the proposed scheme in manner that will facilitate transparent compliance oversight by the planning, roads and implementing authorities.

TII advises that the proposed BusConnects scheme introduces new infrastructure adjacent, over and under the national roads network that will create direct and indirect interactions with the national road during construction and operational phases of the proposed scheme. Indirect interactions will include consequences for liability and maintenance responsibilities. The original TII submission recommended mitigation measures for identified interactions in order the proposed scheme may progress in co-ordinated manner with the maintenance of the safe and efficient operation of the national road network.

The *NTA Observations on the Proposed Scheme Submissions* report summarises the matters raised in the original TII submission. A number of which highlight the requirement for co-ordinated resolution prior to the scheme commencing in accordance with TII Publications (including public safety considerations). TII reiterates that Chapter 22 of the submitted EIAR is a *Summary of Mitigation and Monitoring Measures*, and the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) is included as Appendix A5.1 of the EIAR. TII consider that it would have

been appropriate to include and record mitigation of potential impacts for the protection of the national road network as part of the scheme in Chapter 22 and the CEMP.

Having regard to the *NTA Observations on the Proposed Scheme Submissions* report commitment of “*continued liaison with the relevant sections of TII and taking their requirements into consideration, where aligned with and consistent with the EIAR....in the absence of any approval condition*”, against the unfortunate omission in Chapter 22 of the submitted EIAR of specific national road network mitigation measures, TII consider that this commitment needs to be formally integrated into the scheme by planning condition in the interests of the protection of the safe and efficient operation of the national road network, road safety in general, transparency and also successful co-ordinated implementation of the proposed publicly funded scheme for both construction and operation.

TII would highlight that preceding Dublin BusConnects schemes, include conditions related to the detailed design stage implementation for interactions with national infrastructural authorities such as Uisce Eireann. It would be expected that the same circumstances should also apply to the finite national road infrastructure.

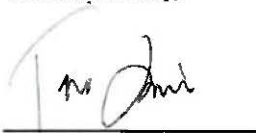
To assist the Board in the consideration of this scheme and having regard to Board approvals of preceding Dublin BusConnects schemes, including as indicated conditions related to the detailed design stage implementation for interactions with national infrastructural authorities such as Uisce Eireann, 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

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

Yours faithfully,



Tara Spain
Head of Land Use Planning