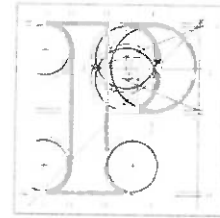


Our Case Number: ABP-321776-25



An
Bord
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Development Applications Unit
The Manager
Newtown Road
Wexford
Co. Wexford
Y35 AP90

Date: 17 April 2025

Re: BusConnects Galway: Dublin Road Development
R338 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 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,

Lauren Griffin
Executive Officer
Direct Line: 01-8737244

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Lauren Griffin

From: Lauren Griffin
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2025 10:00 AM
To: Simon Dolan (Housing)
Subject: RE: SID Bus Connects Galway ABP-321776-25

A Chara,

The Board acknowledges receipt of your email, official correspondence will issue in due course.

Kind regards,

Lauren

From: Simon Dolan (Housing) <Simon.Dolan@npws.gov.ie>
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2025 2:34 PM
To: LAPS <laps@pleanala.ie>
Subject: SID Bus Connects Galway ABP-321776-25

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A Chara,

Attached please find the Archaeological recommendations.

Regards,



Simon Dolan

An Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
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(Please quote in all related correspondence)

16 April 2025

Secretary
An Bord Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1
D01 V902

Via email: laps@pleanala.ie

Re: Notification to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage under the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

Proposed Development: SID application for The BusConnects Galway: Dublin Road project is a planned continuous corridor of high-quality public transport, pedestrian and cycling facilities running along the length of the R338 Dublin Road.

A chara

I refer to correspondence received in connection with the above. Outlined below are the Heritage related observations/recommendations co-ordinated by the Development Applications Unit under the stated headings.

Archaeology

It is noted that the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) submitted as part of the planning application incorporates a desk-based Archaeological Impact Assessment, which was carried out in relation to the proposed development by John Cronin & Associates Ltd (EIAR Chapter 15; date January 2025). The Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage has reviewed the EIAR and is broadly in agreement with the findings in relation to Archaeology and Cultural Heritage as set out therein.

Therefore, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage advises that the following should be included as a condition of any grant of permission. Note these recommended conditions align with Sample Conditions C5 and C6 as set out in *OPR Practice Note PN03: Planning Conditions* (October 2022), with appropriate site-specific additions/adaptations based on the particular characteristics of this development and informed by the findings of the EIAR.

Aonad na nIarratas ar Fhorbairt

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**Archaeological Requirements:**

1. All mitigation measures in relation to archaeology and cultural heritage as set out in Chapter 15 of the EIAR (John Cronin & Associates Ltd; date January 2025) shall be implemented in full, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the conditions of this Order.
2. A Project Archaeologist shall be appointed to oversee and advise on all aspects of the scheme from design, through inception to completion.
 - a. The Project Archaeologist shall liaise with the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage and the Planning Authority to agree in advance an overall strategy for archaeological works to be carried out both in advance of and in parallel with construction of the development.
 - b. This shall include the scope of any Archaeological Monitoring as well as any additional mitigation measures that may be required to protect archaeological heritage.
3. The Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) shall include the location of any and all archaeological or cultural heritage constraints relevant to the proposed development as set out in Chapter 15 of the EIAR (John Cronin & Associates Ltd; date January 2025) and by any subsequent archaeological investigations associated with the project. The CEMP shall clearly describe all identified likely archaeological impacts, both direct and indirect, and all mitigation measures to be employed to protect the archaeological or cultural heritage environment during all phases of site preparation and construction activity.
4. The planning authority and the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage shall be furnished with a final archaeological report describing the results of all archaeological monitoring and any archaeological investigative work/excavation required, following the completion of all archaeological work on site and any necessary post-excavation specialist analysis. All resulting and associated archaeological costs shall be borne by the developer.

Reason: To ensure the continued preservation (either *in situ* or by record) of places, caves, sites, features or other objects of archaeological interest.

You are requested to send any further communications to this Department's Development Applications Unit (DAU) at manager.dau@npws.gov.ie where used, or to the following address:

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A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Simon Dolan', written over a horizontal line.

Simon Dolan
Development Applications Unit
Administration