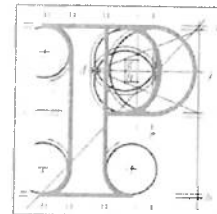


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Transport Infrastructure Ireland
C/O Tara Spain, Land Use Planning Unit
Parkgate Business centre
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Dublin 8

Date: 19 March 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,

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TII25-130442

Re. Bus Connects Galway -ABP Ref No. KA61.321882

Dear Secretary,

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

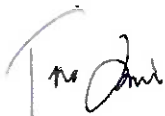
A comprehensive traffic and transport assessment (TTA) is included in the application and outlined in Chapter 6 of the EIAR that accompanies the application. Section 6.5.8.4.2 of the EIAR demonstrates the general traffic impact in the study area arising from the development of the proposed scheme and associated redistribution of traffic. The TTA does also acknowledge the capacity issues arising at a number of national road junctions in the study area.

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 Motorway Scheme 2018 and Protected Road Scheme 2018 Scheme which is awaiting finalisation under An Bord Pleanála case ref. Bord Pleanála Case reference: MA07.318217. It is, therefore, critical that the strategic function of the existing N6 national road as well as the N67 is safeguarded in accordance with Government policy. TII notes that the N67 has been incorrectly referenced as the R446. TII recommended that the NTA be asked to review the details attributed to the R446 and to ensure that Section 6.5.6.1 Construction Route with also associated mitigations meets the requirements of TII Publications.

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, and N67 in accordance with the provisions of Government policy, pending the delivery of the N6 Galway City Ring Road Motorway Scheme 2018.

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

Yours sincerely



Tara Spain, Head of Land Use Planning.

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