

ABP Blanchardstown to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme Status Update/Note to be issued to Public Reps & Community Forum Members 30.06.22

Dear Public Representative/ Community Forum Member,

We are emailing you to provide a status update in relation to the Core Bus Corridors.

This week, the National Transport Authority (NTA) gave notice of its application under Section 51(2) of the Roads Act 1993 (as amended) to An Bord Pleanála for approval in relation to a proposed road development consisting of the construction of the **Blanchardstown to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme**.

For information, a small number of changes have been made to this scheme following consideration of the submissions received during the third round of public consultation (at the end of 2020) and these are summarised below.

- The N3 on-slip from Old Navan Road at Corduff modified to include a left turn filter lane;
- A Bus Driver Welfare Facility introduced along Blanchardstown Road South;
- Two bus stops and associated pedestrian ramps to the north of N3 Navan Road have been relocated to west of Mill Road;
- The Ashtown Road roundabout has been amended to a four arm signalised junction;
- A number of Junction, Crossing and Parking Modifications introduced;
- The previously proposed two-way cycle track on Brunswick Street North has been amended to two one-way cycle tracks;
- The previously proposed two-way cycle track relocated to east side of Queen Street, with a reduction to one traffic lane from Blackhall Street to the Quays;
- Offline traffic management strategy prepared to offset diversions due to online measures;
- Landscaping updated throughout; and
- Cycle facilities have been further optimised.

A copy of the application documentation may be viewed and downloaded free of charge at: www.blanchardstownscheme.ie. Please note all previous documents regarding BusConnects are still available on www.busconnects.ie

Submissions/observations may be made in writing to the **Board at An Bord Pleanála (Strategic Infrastructure Division), 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902** between Tuesday 5th July and Tuesday 30th August 2022.

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 and must be received by the Board not later than **5.30 p.m. on the 30th August 2022**. This fee will not apply to certain prescribed bodies including those specified in Section 51(3)(b) of the Roads Act 1993 (as amended) or to landowners and others with a legal interest in land who are objecting to compulsory acquisition of land in which they have such an interest in a compulsory acquisition case.

Submissions/observations can also be made on the An Bord Pleanála website at the following address:
<https://online.pleanala.ie/en-ie/sid/observation> .

It is our intention to submit the schemes on a phased basis with the next three schemes likely to be submitted in the order shown below:

- Liffey Valley to City Centre CBC Scheme;
- Ballymun/Finglas to City Centre CBC Scheme;
- Ringsend to City Centre CBC Scheme.

As each scheme is submitted for approval to An Bord Pleanála the process of public notifications in newspapers and online will be repeated. After these first six scheme applications are made, the remaining six projects are likely to be submitted to An Bord Pleanála during the second half of this year.

Yours Sincerely,

BusConnects Team