

**ABP Bray to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme Status Update/Note to be issued to Public Reps & Community Forum Members 10.08.2023.**

Dear Public Representative/ Community Forum Member,

We are emailing you to provide a status update in relation to the Core Bus Corridors specifically the Bray to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme.

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 **Bray 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.

- UCD Interchange design has been further developed;
- The design has been co-ordinated with the proposed Belfield / Blackrock to City Centre CBC at the Nutley Lane Junction;
- The design at the RTE junction has been further refined to tie-in to existing infrastructure within the RTE grounds;
- Two-way cycle track connection along the N11 Merrion Grove junction to the Coláiste Eoin School to provide a more direct connection to the northbound school going cyclists;
- The proposed coach stop at the Talbot Hotel has been moved further south to remove the impact to the Talbot Hotel forecourt;
- The service road between Old Cherrywood Road Junction and Loughlinstown Roundabout has been retained as two-way, following change to a one-way road under the Emerging Preferred Route Option;
- Rebuilding of the Woodbrook Side Lodge residential property at a new location east of its current location at the southern end of the Woodbrook estate has been included as part of the Proposed Scheme;
- The design has been further developed between Ravensdale Park and Dwyer Park to provide for continuous cycle lane and bus lane while minimising the impact to properties and the heritage wall on the east side at Belton Terrace;
- A number of junction, crossings and parking modifications along the corridor;
- Layouts of all bus stops enhanced and some bus stop locations / layouts have been optimised to allow better connectivity for bus passengers;
- 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.brayscheme.ie](http://www.brayscheme.ie) . Please note all previous documents regarding BusConnects are still available on [www.busconnects.ie](http://www.busconnects.ie)

Submissions/observations on this scheme may be made in writing to the Board at **An Bord Pleanála (Strategic Infrastructure Division), 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902** between **Tuesday 15th August 2023 and Tuesday 10th October 2023**.

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 10th October 2023**. 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://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/observations>

Yours Sincerely,

BusConnects Team