



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

**Board Direction
BD-017426-24
ABP-317070-23**

At a meeting held on 06/09/2024, the Board decided to confirm the Order without modification.

Having considered the objections made to the compulsory purchase order, the report and recommendation of the Inspector, the purpose of the compulsory purchase order to facilitate the delivery of Bus Connects, sustainable transport and active travel, and also having regard to the following:

- (a) the constitutional and Convention protection afforded to property rights,
- (b) the substandard infrastructure for bus users and active transport provided for along the existing route,
- (c) the strategic nature of the scheme in the context of reducing carbon emissions and climate change,
- (d) the community need, and public interest served and overall benefits, including benefits to a range of road users to be achieved from use of the acquired lands,
- (e) the proportionate design response to the identified need,
- (f) the suitability of the lands and the necessity of their acquisition to facilitate the provision of the Bus Connects sustainable public transport and active travel scheme,
- (g) the policies and objectives of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028 and the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028,
- (h) the submissions made to the Board, and,

(i) the report and recommendation of the Inspector,

the Board considered that the acquisition of the lands in question on a permanent and temporary basis; the restriction, acquisition and interference with public rights of way; the acquisition/restriction of private rights of way, on a temporary and permanent basis by the National Transport Authority as set out in the compulsory purchase order and on the deposited maps, are necessary for the purpose stated, which is a legitimate objective being pursued in the public interest, and that the compulsory purchase order and its effects on the property rights of affected landowners are proportionate to that objective and justified by the exigencies of the common good.

In reaching this conclusion, the Board agrees with and adopts the analysis contained in the report of the Inspector who conducted the assessment of the objections.

Board Member:


Mick Long

Date: 25/09/2024