

To whom it may concern,

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Submission to 3<sup>rd</sup> round consultation on proposed CBC on behalf of Senator Mary Fitzpatrick.

I support the the provision of more frequent, reliable, affordable and environmentally efficient public transport is essential for Dublin City and County and welcome the opportunity to engage in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round consultation process.

Bus connects proposes to deliver 230km of dedicated bus corridors and 200km of dedicated cycle routes over 16 dedicated bus corridors in Dublin City and County.

Bus Connects and the proposed bus corridors represent a potentially unprecedented investment in public transport in Dublin with the potential to have a transformative effect. Such investment in public transport is a key social mobility, justice and climate action initiative.

When finalising the plan for Bus Connects and the bus corridors, I urge the NTA to take account of the broader context of their proposals and give strong consideration to protecting residential city communities. The bus is not the only transport solution and the NTA should include the following points in their plans for the proposed 16 core bus corridors in Dublin:

- Park and Ride must be provided in the county/outside M50 before or at the same time as the core bus corridors
- Free public transport for under 23years should be costed and introduced as a community gain initiative
- Rollout of Environmentally Friendly Bus Fleet should be prioritised
- Local Area Bus Services for local community/village mobility should be provided
- Every tree that is removed must be replaced with a semi-mature native tree

I commend and support the individual residents, residents' groups and businesses who engaged in the consultation process. I ask the NTA to publish on-line a detailed written response to all the issues raised by the following residents' groups prior to progressing to the next stage of the project:

- Griffith Avenue and District Residents Association
- Glasnevin Village Residents Association
- Navan Road Community Council
- Iona and District Residents Association
- BLEND
- Stoneybatter Pride of Place
- Mountjoy Residents Association

With thanks

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