

Planning Department,  
South Dublin County Council,  
County Hall,  
Tallaght,  
Dublin 24.

27<sup>th</sup> October 2022

**RE: Planning Application SD22A/0382 - Construction ESB substation, the widening of the existing vehicular/cycle entrance to The Fox hunter Public House at Foxhunter Pub Lands South Side of Lucan Road, Ballydowd & abutting Hermitage Gardens**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The National Transport Authority (the “NTA”) has reviewed the subject planning application and, based on the *Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2016-2035* (the “Transport Strategy”) and wishes to submit the following observations and recommendations.

### **Bus Connects**

The site is located on the south side of the N4, adjacent to the service road approaching the west bound diverge at Junction 2. The proposal provides for the relocation of the existing exit from the site to the east.

Corridor 6, Lucan to City Centre, of the NTA’s Core Bus Corridor (CBC) Project, as provided for in the Transport Strategy, runs along the N4 at this location. The NTA is currently preparing an application for planning consent for the Lucan Core Bus Corridor (CBC) to An Bord Pleanála and, as such, plans for this corridor have not yet been formally finalised.

The current preferred route option for the Lucan to City Centre CBC includes for a narrow strip of land acquisition from the northern boundary of the subject site. This is required to allow a bus lane and footpath to be provided on the diverge slip road.

The proposed site layout provides for the setting back of the boundary wall along this area to ‘allow sight line’. It is the view of the NTA that the boundary wall should be set back to facilitate the design for the Lucan CBC at this location.

***Recommendation***

With regard to the above, in the event of a grant of permission, the applicant should be required to demonstrate that the design on the northern boundary reflects the current preferred design for the Lucan CBC at this location, in particular with regard to the setting back of the boundary wall.

I trust that the views of the NTA will be taken into account when considering this application.

Yours sincerely,



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**Michael Mac Aree**  
***Head of Integrated Strategic Planning***

***Recommendation***

The NTA recommends that, in advance of granting permission, the applicant is required to submit a revised MMP with ambitious targets for cycling, walking and public transport for staff and students, and commitments to the implementation of measures that will seek to achieve these.

I trust that the views of the NTA will be taken into account in the assessment of the proposed development.

Yours sincerely,

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Michael Mac Aree  
**Head of Strategic Planning**