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**RE: Planning Application SDZ22A/0014 Further Information– 207 residential units in the townland of Aderrig**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The National Transport Authority (the “NTA”) has reviewed the additional information on the subject planning application based on the *Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2022-2042* (the “Transport Strategy”), and the Adamstown SDZ Planning Scheme and wishes to submit the following observations and recommendations.

**Bus Facilities**

The NTA supports the provision of infrastructure which will facilitate the operation of the new Bus Connects network serving Adamstown and is critical in helping to establish sustainable transport patterns in the area. The BusConnects Route C2 is planned to run along the Celbridge Link Road and will require stops along it. The stops indicated on the southern end of the site are noted.

In its original submission the NTA requested the provision of a pair of stops to be included close to the Airlie Park junction at the northern end of the site. In response to this the additional information submitted states the following:

*‘It was the request of the NTA to provide 2 No. bus stops, which were intended for delivery along the Celbridge Link Road at the northern extent of the subject site. Waterman Moylan engaged with Goodrock Project Management in discussions with the NTA and SDCC in relation to these bus stops. The location and design of the bus stops were agreed during a meeting on 18th January 2023 and detailed in Waterman Moylan’s Proposed Toucan Crossing & Bus Stop drawing (No. Tni).’*

However, as summarised in their note, *‘it was determined that the preferred location of the northbound bus stop would straddle two separate land ownerships and therefore be excluded from this application. Celbridge Link Road will ultimately be taken in charge therefore the final design of the northbound bus stop can be undertaken by the relevant authority for statutory undertaking. The indicative location which can be seen on Water-Moylan Drawing No. 22-023-SK099\_Masterplan.’*

It is the view of the NTA that the provision of bus stops on the Celbridge Link Road, at the southern and northern ends of the subject site, is critical to supporting travel by bus to/from the new development areas in this location.

In this regard, the NTA recommends that the proposed location of the northbound bus stop, at the northern end of the site, be revised so that it can be provided as part of this development in order to support the operation of the C2 bus service.

In addition, the NTA consider it important that bus stops are provided in a timely manner, and are not delayed or deemed unusable during the construction period. Provision of bus stops (even if temporary) and appropriate access to these stops, should be facilitated during construction. This should be agreed with the NTA and SDCC.

***Recommendation***

In the event of a grant of permission a condition should be attached requiring that the applicant liaise with the NTA to agree a revised location for the northbound bus stop, so that a pair of bus stops can be provided along the Celbridge Link Road, within the subject site at its northern end. The exact design of the bus stops shall also be agreed with the NTA.

It is also recommended that a condition is attached to ensure that the provision of bus stops (even if temporary), and appropriate access to these stops, is facilitated during construction. This should be done in agreement with the NTA and SDCC.

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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