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DLRCC- Harbour Rd Dun Laoghaire, Appropriate Procedure

Project Ref: Harbour Rd Dun Laoghaire Section 38 Consultation Applicant Name: AECOM/DLRCC Development Location: Harbour Rd Dun Laoghaire Site Area (Ha): c. 0.625 ha

Description of the project/proposed development and Overview:

The proposed BusConnects Network Redesign includes 8 new bus services that will terminate at Dun Laoghaire Train Station. To accommodate these new services, additional bus layover spaces are required to provide an efficient bus operation.

Scheme Objectives

• Provide 3 additional bus layover spaces in addition to the 3 already existing on Harbour Road (6 in total), allowing for the independent arrival/departure of buses.

- Provide a bus turning facility on Harbour Road to minimise bus operation time delays.
- Provide a new bus stop on Harbour Road.

• Maintain access to the cruise ship terminal and Harbour Building and ensure these elements are managed carefully during the works to minimise the impact and provide a pleasant arrival location for these passengers at all stages of construction.

• Provide for pedestrian and cycle facilities along Harbour Road, tying into the Council's Coastal Mobility Route on the east and existing pedestrian facilities on the west.

It is proposed to extend the existing bus layover spaces by the reallocation of the adjacent existing parallel car parking spaces on the south side of Harbour Road. A new small roundabout is also proposed at the entrance to the cruise terminal allowing for bus turning manoeuvres and narrowing access to the terminal, providing safer pedestrian crossing points. A new bus stop with a shelter is proposed on the northern side of Harbour Road, west of the existing signalised pedestrian crossing, and a new 2 way off road cycle path in line with the realigned footway along Harbour Road with pedestrian/ cycle priority crossing points to provide enhanced pedestrian /cycle facilities, which ties back into existing facilities via shared areas.

Appropriate Procedure

The works are considered traffic management measures within the definition set out in Section 38 and the scheme is to be undertaken on a public road or public roads and does not extend outside the boundaries of the public roads. Following the scheme is considered to fall within the ambit of Section 38.

AA and EIA screening reports have been submitted by the applicant and DLRCC has issued Determinations on these. No EIAR or AA is required.

Furthermore the scheme is considered exempt from Part 8 procedure as the proposal is primarily for the enhancement of public bus services.

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Signed by Senior Executive Planner: Julieanne Prendiville Date: 28/11/23