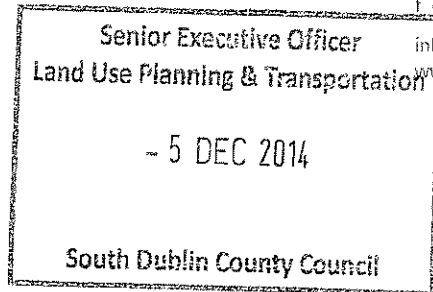


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4<sup>th</sup> December 2014

Dear Mr Curtin



**Re: New orbital route linking Lucan Village, Clondalkin & Tallaght & Introduction of proposed 25C bus route from Adamstown to City Centre**

Thank you for your letter of 3 November 2014 regarding the motion approved by the Lucan Area Committee at the meeting held on 28 October 2014.

The Authority is currently examining options to improve services and connections on the Western Orbital corridor. To date these options have not been developed to the extent that a preferred alignment has been determined. Should a preferred option proceed to implementation in the short term, it would form part of the network of services provided under the Direct Award contract with Dublin Bus. The Authority has determined the portion of the Dublin Bus network that will be competitively tendered and this includes only orbital routes that are currently operating. It is envisaged that there will be changes to this current network of orbital services and such changes will be incorporated into the tender process.

The Authority is aware of capacity issues that have arisen in the Lucan area and in particular on Routes 25a and 25b. This is, however, generally an issue for a limited part of the morning peak period only. The Authority has sanctioned the deployment of additional capacity on Routes 25a and 25b which in its view will meet this increased demand. The Authority is not satisfied that there is a requirement for the deployment of a complete additional service into the network via the Newcastle Road to the N4. The introduction of such a service will have an impact on the current Routes 25a and 25b and on rail services between Adamstown and Dublin City to the extent that service frequency may have to be reduced on those services affecting other times of the day and week. The Authority's view is that this would not be in the overall interest of public transport passengers.

Although there are no current plans for the introduction of a new public service obligation (psO) route via Newcastle Road to the N4, the Authority will, however, continue to monitor the demand for travel in the area and seek remedies to meet any increases. I would add that the Authority's ability to introduce additional capacity on existing services and new services is constrained by the availability of funding. It is additionally open to any private operator to apply for a public bus

passenger service licence. Any application will be considered under the provisions of the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009 and the Authority's published *Guidelines for the Licensing of Public Bus Passenger Services*.

I trust this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne Graham".

Anne Graham

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