**Reply from Dublin Bus**

Dear Ms Reilly,

Thank you for your recent emails in relation to motions passed by South Dublin County Council

regarding altering and extending some services in your area.

As you are aware the NTA announced a project called BusConnects which will look at the design of our current bus network.

Dublin Bus is delighted with the recent commitment to invest €1bn in Dublin’s bus network, which is great news for our customers and a huge opportunity to continue the growth and success of Dublin Bus.

In 2016 we carried 128 million customers and this growth is set to continue in 2017.

The BusConnects project is a suite of initiatives, proposed by the National Transport Authority (NTA), aimed at revitalising bus transport in Dublin. A planned redesign of our current bus network is one of nine initiatives within the BusConnects project, and is still very much in the early stages; data analysis is being conducted and design options and route choices are being discussed. While the detailed planning is yet to begin, we welcome the useful views of your constituents and we will take all suggestions into consideration as we work closely with the NTA and Jarret Walker on the network redesign.

We are fully engaged with this project and are committed to promoting and protecting the interests of our customers. We want to ensure that all parts of Dublin city and the Greater Dublin Area enjoy a bus network that is reliable, efficient and accessible to all.

An excellent bus network is clearly of strategic importance to the city and therefore, Dublin Bus will continue to work closely with all involved in this project to future proof the city’s bus network for the benefit of our customers and for a successful Dublin.”

Yours Sincerely,

John Saunders

Area Manager South.