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Dear Mr. Murphy,

Thank you for your email regarding BusConnects in which you requested an extension to the public consultation process.

As you are aware the public consultation process, carried out by the National Transport Authority (NTA) and supported by Dublin Bus, closed on 28th September. The public consultation on the BusConnects network redesign proposals involved providing local brochures, local information sessions organised at various locations around the city, digital imaging of the network, on-line surveys and consultation with user groups. The consultation period was for 11 weeks from 16th July to 28th September. This was one of the biggest public consultation processes ever carried out in the state and over 20,000 submissions were received from members of the public and other stakeholders.

It is very important to note that the consultation process was based on draft proposals - it is not a final plan. The NTA have advised that they will be looking at area-specific issues raised at public consultation now that the consultation period is over. The NTA expect to publish a revised network design proposal next year taking into consideration all the submissions received. Any reconfigurations to the proposal will be subject to further consultation.

With best wishes,

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