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Dear BusConnects Public Consultation,

I am sending in this submission reflecting the concerns raised by members of my constituency detailed below.

My office and I have advised constituents to contact the NTA directly with their concerns; however I would also like to outline a number of queries raised.

1. Stonemason's Way.

This route is currently served by the 14 and the 75. There are several estates off Stonemason's Way including Broadford, Llewellyn, Hillview, Marley Court and Meadowmount. Many people have contacted me to raise concern that in the proposed plans this section of Stonemason's Way will only be served by the 235 which will be 'less than hourly'. There are many bus users who live along this section of Stonemason's Way who rely on these buses and the 235 would not suffice.

2. Beaumont Avenue, Churchtown Upper.

Several people have contacted me to highlight their apprehension about the removal of the 14 bus service from Beaumont Avenue.

3. Upper Kilmacud Road

Under the current draft plan no bus will serve the Upper Kilmacud Road as the 75 currently does. This would greatly impact residents of several estates along this route including Birchfield, Knocknashee, Holywell, Lakelands, Stillorgan Wood and Marsham Court. In addition, St Benildus Secondary School is located on the Upper Kilmacud Road and St Raphaela's Secondary School is located just off it. Under this draft plan there would not be a direct bus for the 600+ students who attend each school. Many pupils in both St Benildus and St Raphaela's are from the Ballinteer/Dundrum area and many parents have raised concerns that their children will no longer have a direct bus to school.

4. Ballinteer into the City Centre

Many residents who live along the Brehon Field Road, which is currently served by the 16, have contacted me to raise concerns that they will no longer have a bus that goes directly into the City Centre and to Dublin Airport.

5. Kiltarnan and Stepside.

This service in the draft plan will begin in Belarmine and continue on a similar route to the current 44 bus. However, residents of Stepside have contacted me highlighting that they will no longer have a direct route to Dundrum or to the City Centre. If possible, could you please consider extending the 12 to begin in Kiltarnan? This would be beneficial to a lot of people in the area who rely on this bus route.



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In addition, concerns have been raised about the removal of the 118 bus that currently goes from Kilternan to Eden Quay. This service currently goes twice each morning at 07:45 and 07:55 and only once outside term time. A couple of local residents have highlighted that this service should be increased rather than removed.

6. Simon's Ridge, Ticknock.

Simon's Ridge is currently serviced by the 114 bus. Residents have contacted me stating that they are distressed they will no longer have a link to Sandyford. I am told many residents rely on this connection to get to work in Sandyford Industrial Estate or to link in with the DART in Blackrock. Concerned parents have said they rely on the 114 to get their children to the local school safely (Queen of Angels N.S., Wedgewood) because the Blackglen Road from the Lamb Doyle's Pub is not pedestrianised and so is not safe for pedestrians to use. Residents fear they will have to resort to using their cars.

7. Kilcross, Sandyford.

The 114 also currently serves residents of Kilcross and Sandyford Village via the bus stop on Sandyford Road. I understand the 12 would go past the Kilcross estate on Sandyford Road bringing residents to Dundrum, similar to the current 44 route, however residents of Kilcross and Sandyford Village would no longer have a connection to Newtown Park Avenue or Blackrock DART station which many residents frequently use. Would the residents have access to a bus stop for the S8?

8. Sandyford Village.

Sandyford Village is currently served by the 44. The village has several estates off it including Bearna Park, Sandyford Park, Coolkill and Sandyford Downs. Some residents are worried about losing this link to Dundrum and the City Centre.

9. Glencullen

Glencullen is currently served by the 44b, however under the current plans Glencullen is not served at all. This is of huge concern to locals who rely on this bus service. It is important this oversight be reviewed so the residents of Glencullen, Ballyedmonduff and Barnacullia are not isolated. This is vital for the local community.

10. Access to hospitals

It is important that residents in Dublin Rathdown can gain access to hospitals in Dublin, such as St Vincent's Hospital, The Mater Hospital, Beaumont Hospital. Currently these hospitals are serviced as follows;

- St Vincent's Hospital – the 47
- The Mater Hospital – the 16
- Beaumont Hospital – the 14

11. The 11 bus

Under the proposed changes the 11 would be replaced by the 10. Local residents have expressed concern that although the 11 currently runs every 20 minutes, the proposed 10 would run every 30 mins. This route serves a number of schools and businesses.

12. Enniskerry

Residents of Enniskerry have also outlined their fears regarding the removal of the existing 44 bus route that extends out to Enniskerry thus connecting Enniskerry to Dundrum, the City Centre and DCU. In addition, the removal of the 185 has caused wide scale concern. It is believed these issues will negatively impact both local commercial activity and local residents in their daily commute.

I would greatly appreciate if you could examine the concerns outlined above as part of your review of the current draft plan.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shane Ross', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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