

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Development Plan 2017-2023

27th September, 2016

Motion from Councillor Paul Mulville: Sheet 8. AI028391

Delete Lissenhall metro stop icon and proposed indicative metro route.

REPORT:

The following is noted in the Draft Plan regarding the proposed new Metro North:

Proposed New Metro North

A proposed new Metro North has been included in the Government's capital programme. It will link Swords via the Airport, to Dublin City Centre with a journey time of approximately 25 minutes. The revised scheme will require a new permission from An Bord Pleanála. A number of stops were permitted within Swords.

The provision of the proposed new Metro North is critical to the continued, sustainable growth of the County Town, Swords. It is essential that the metro stops are easily accessible to trip-intensive developments.

Objective MT13

Support TII in developing a revised design of the proposed new Metro North that addresses the needs of the Swords-Airport-City Centre corridor, environmental sensitivities and securing permission from An Bord Pleanála.

Objective MT14

Support TII in a possible future extension of the proposed new Metro North finishing point to connect with the Northern Line in Donabate, with a view to securing permission from An Bord Pleanála.

The proposed zonings at Lissenhall provide for the planned growth and development of Swords and its surrounding hinterland over a medium and long term basis. This, in tandem with the delivery of public transport infrastructure including Metro North, elevates the sustainability of lands at Lissenhall in terms of appropriateness and necessity for future development purposes.

Objective SWORDS 26 has been included in the Draft Plan which reinforces the need to consider the release of Lissenhall in the context of the development of Swords by committing to prepare a Local Area Plan for lands at Lissenhall (Refer to Map Sheet No. 8 LAP 8.A), which will provide for the longer term strategic development of the area as a planned sustainable mixed use urban district, physically and functionally integrated with Swords. The LAP will assess and determine the sequencing and phasing of development subject to the delivery of the necessary infrastructure, including the proposed new Metro North and any potential extension to lands at Donabate.

The CE report also noted the following in relation to the New Metro North development:

New Metro North

The process of planning and design for this project has now commenced. Part of that process will be the detailed consideration of various alignments and stop locations through the overall corridor, with the intention of optimising the final layout. For that reason it is suggested that the alignment for new Metro North shown on Sheet No. 8 and on Sheet No. 11, which is currently labelled as "New Metro North Route" be relabelled as "Indicative Route for new Metro North". In addition, the reference to TII in Objective MT13 should be amended to "NTA and TII".

CE NTA 1.2:

Amend new Metro North route to "Indicative Route for new Metro North".

The Council has advocated the extension of new Metro North to Lissenhall, since it was originally envisaged. As stated above, this element of the alignment is differentiated on Sheet 8, as the "Indicative Route for new Metro North". Furthermore, Objective MT14 of the Draft Plan clearly supports a possible future expansion of Metro North to Donabate, which would require deletion if this motion is passed.

The intention included in the proposed motion, to delete the Lissenhall stop and the proposed metro route at this point, would seriously undermine the Council's on-going objective to extend the new Metro North into these lands, to create a new sustainable mixed use neighbourhood at Lissenhall and to grow Swords to meet its full development potential of 100,000 people.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that no change is made.