



Minutes

Meeting	Consultative Group
Date-Time-Location	Thursday 21 September 2023 9.30am Microsoft Teams
Members present	Alicja Downey (AD) HSE, Andrea Valova (AV) HEA, Collette Burns (CB) TU Dublin, Fiona Kelly (FK) Elected Rep, Lori Keeve (LK) GDA & Chair, Michelle Collins (MC) GDA, Nessa Hourigan TD (NH) Public Rep, Cllr Nial Ring (NR) Public Rep, Roisin O'Neill (RON) HSE Service Users Rep, Ronan Dunphy (RD) TU Dublin Staff
By invitation	David O'Connor (DOC)
Apologies	Brian Jordan (BJ) Students Union, Eoin Farrell (EF) NTA, Eugene Kelly (EK) Elected Rep, Fiona Davis (FD) HSE, Leslie Shoemaker (LS) TU Dublin Staff, Mary Scally (MS) Students Union, Cllr Ray McAdam (RMA) Public Rep, Thomas Stone (TS) TU Dublin

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1.	Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising	
1.1.	LK welcomed everyone and thanked David O'Connor for joining the meeting to present a follow-on presentation on 'Explaining Traffic Evaporation'.	
1.2.	The minutes of the last meeting in June were approved. No matters arising were raised.	
2.	David O'Connor Presentation: Explaining Traffic Reduction	
2.1.	DOC thanked the group for the invitation to present and noted that he would share the slides following the meeting. He gave a brief introduction and noted that this presentation would review the previous presentation (Mar 2019) with top-up research looking at recent active travel evidence and reflecting on what's currently happening in Dublin. Case studies presented focused on recent TU Dublin research undertaken with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.	
	Key points of note included:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examples of cities where traffic evaporation had taken place such as Freiburg which became one of the most sustainable cities in the world. Cited study from Sally Cairns and Phil Goodman in the UK of 70 different schemes from around the world which found that in the majority of cases, traffic on surrounding streets of these initiatives either remained stable or reduced overall. Explained the concept of induced demand – doing the opposite of traffic provision fills the gap in other ways. Evidence from the Dun Laoghaire scheme counted 700 	



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<p>new cycle trips following installation of new cycle paths showing that once in place, people do change behaviours.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlighted the importance of interdisciplinary teams in creating successful public space. Good design involves design engineers, planners urbanists, communicators and key to it all is involving community. • Cited examples in Groningen, New York, Walking Forsest however noted that incremental approaches are generally regarded as the standard approach. • Irish examples include the Blackrock and Coastal Mobility Route which on review, had an very positive response to the scheme, with increases in people accessing the village, reductions in traffic and overall improvements in the public space. Further information can be circulated to group if requested. • Noted Dublin spaces such as Capel Street, College Green and Custom House Quay for ongoing initiatives to reduce traffic. • Dublin Transport Plan now out for public consultation and encouraged the group to engage. 		

He then opened the floor to questions.

- 2.2. **NR** noted that the idea of traffic evaporation is predicated on having excellent public transport which is not the case in Dublin. He added that DCC communication could be stronger citing Clontarf City Centre Cycleway as an example. He stated that there will always be people who will need to drive north to south and vice versa for various reasons. **DOC** welcomed this feedback noting that a lack of public transport more of a reason to do it as gradually public transport does improve. He acknowledged that it is frustrating, but it's frustrating for commuters and public transport operators as well. He noted that while 60% through trips won't just disappear, if single-use car trips are reduced, public transport will become much more effective.
- 2.3. **CB** queried if there would be research to look at the impacts and flow of the measures on Grangegorman Lower as it bisects the campus. She also mentioned the BusConnects proposals and how this will change movement patterns around Grangegorman in future. **DOC** noted he is a big advocate for BusConnects but that it would be important to understand how Grangegorman will be serviced by orbital routes. He highlighted the importance of where the transfer points will be noting that it's not yet clear how this will function in Dublin city centre.
- 2.4. **AV** queried the student voice in the broader topic of connecting longer distance public transport, the impact of having to make connections, long journeys and the time involved. She stated that this is a complex issue and conversations such as this one are important to continued progress.



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3.	TU Dublin Update	
3.1.	<p>CB provided updates on what's happening in TU Dublin noting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are back on campus for the new academic year. CAO numbers have increased compared to last year. • An overview of activities for Freshers' Week • Bigger focus on in-person activities this year which will aim at generating more continuous activity throughout the year. • Leinster Fleadh took place in Grangegorman in July and was a great success. TU Dublin is keen to see the campus used for similar events. • Culture Night – 22 September and provided a summary of expected activities. • Recent awards for the Lower House project. • Upcoming Open House Dublin tours – 14 October. • Broadstone Luas stop name change – 'Broadstone DIT' is due to become 'Broadstone – university'. The change is expected to roll out on all Luas trams in the coming months. 	
4.	Grangegorman Project Updates	
4.1.	<p>LK gave an update on all live development projects starting with <u>D7 Educate Together School</u>. The school has moved into the new building and feedback has been generally positive. The school is also hosting Open House tours next month. Works to the junction outside the school is an ongoing process with continued engagement between DCC and GDA. It will be next year before the permanent works are constructed.</p>	
4.2.	<p><u>TU Dublin Academic Hub & Library</u> – Still on programme for completion around this time next year. The new structures have topped out and the current focus is on mechanical and electrical works and works to the historic North House.</p>	
4.3.	<p><u>HSE Residential Care Neighbourhood</u> – the project was submitted to DCC for planning permission in July and a decision is expected shortly. All going well, the GDA is aiming to see this project on site next year.</p>	
4.4.	<p><u>Workday development</u> – Over 70 people attended two public information sessions held 16-17 August to discuss the plans with the public. The development will be the tallest buildings on the Grangegorman site to date ranging from 8-12 storeys high. A community space and two commercial retail spaces are included in ground floor plans. The project is due to be submitted for planning permission this month.</p>	
4.5.	<p><u>Clock Tower Windows Restoration</u> – a number of windows in the Protected Structure are currently undergoing conservation thanks to funding from the Historic Structure Fund.</p>	



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4.6. <u>TU Dublin Indoor Sports Phase 1</u> – A design team has been appointed led by O'Donnell + Tuomey Architects. They are currently working on initial designs for the project which will focus on dry sports only.		
4.7. <u>Grangegorman Histories</u> – a number of updates were provided, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming historical walking tours for Culture Night. • Heritage Week talk with Prof. Raymond Gillespie exploring the site's pre-institutional history. • Public Funding Call live until 29 September. • Trigger Warnings: exhibiting sensitive materials seminar being planned on 10 October as part of Dublin Festival of History. 		
4.8. <u>Events</u> – an overview was provided on upcoming activities for Culture Night and Open House Dublin, noting the wide variety of tours and exhibitions taking place.		
5. Any Other Business		
5.1. NH queried if any updates were available regarding the Bring Centre. LK noted that the GDA has been in ongoing discussions with DCC on this however further meetings are needed before an agreement can be reached. NR noted that he and other councillors have submitted a Section 140 motion to the City Council requesting that the Bring Centre does not vacate its current location until a similar sized facility of equal services is provided in Dublin 7 or the Grangegorman site. He stated that the matter must be resolved to the councillors satisfaction. LK noted that the GDA also aims to resolve the issue in agreement with all parties however there are a lot of challenges around locating the bring centre on site. She added it has been an ongoing discussion at the CLC and she is working to keep everyone updated on the matter. The GDA cannot provide further information or assurances until further engagement has taken place with DCC.		
6. Date of Next Meeting		
6.1. The next meeting will take place on Thursday 7 December 2023 at 09.30am online via MS Teams.		