

Report to the Chairperson and Members of the South East Area Committee

Dodder Greenway –Preferred Option

May 2019

Background

On the 10th of September 2018, in advance of a non-statutory public engagement on the Dodder Greenway project, members of the design team presented the Emerging Preferred Option for the Dodder Greenway to the members of the South East Area Committee.

The non-statutory community engagement was subsequently conducted between the 24th of September and the 14th of October 2018. A report summarising the results of this engagement is attached to this report for the Councillor's information.

In total 312 submissions were received during the consultation process. A significant number of the responses received referred to the matter of segregation with the vast number of responders, whether cyclists or pedestrians, expressing a desire that the greenway provided physical segregation between cyclists and pedestrians. Other issues raised concerned potential impact on the existing wildlife, ecology and heritage, requests for lighting, street furniture, bicycle facilities and public amenities.

Preferred Route for Dodder Greenway

The design team has reviewed the Dodder Greenway proposals taking into consideration the views expressed during the consultation process. The revised proposals were presented to the Dodder Steering Group on February 7th 2019 where there was broad agreement for the Emerging Preferred Route as presented. Following a standstill period where Steering Group members were afforded an opportunity to request additional information or raise particular concerns, it was proposed on 23/04/2019 to adopt the route that is attached to this report as the **Preferred Route** for the Dodder Greenway.

The main revisions to the scheme since it was last presented to the SEAC members are as follows:

- 1) The proposal to provide areas of shared space along Thorncastle Street have been revised and the Preferred Option seeks to provide a segregated walking and cycling route along Thorncastle Street (GA 2001 A04)
- 2) The Preferred Option now seeks to provide boardwalks on either side of Ringsend Bridge to address the existing poor provision for pedestrians and cyclists. (GA 2002 A04)
- 3) The Preferred Option now seeks to widen the existing boardwalk between London Bridge and Lansdowne Road Bridge to accommodate both cyclists and pedestrians in a shared space on the southern side of the river. (GA 2003 A04)
- 4) The Preferred Option now seeks to provide segregated pedestrian and cycling facilities on both sides of Eglinton Road. (GA 2005 A04)
- 5) Clonskea Bridge to Anglesea Bridge. Minimal interventions are to be made on the northside of the river between Clonskea Bridge and Ashton's Pub. A segregated pedestrian and cycling route will be provided along Beech Hill Road providing a boardwalk as necessary to achieve the required widths. A new pedestrian and cycling bridge will be constructed somewhere between Aston's Pub and the weir downstream of Riverside Walk. The location of the bridge is to be agreed during the Preliminary design process. The Greenway will cross from Beech Hill Road and continue on the northside of the river connecting into Brookvale Road. (GA2006 A04)
- 6) The proposed boardwalk along the perimeter of Dartry Park East and continuing north of Dartry Mills and Dartry Park West has been adopted as the Preferred Option. (GA 2008 A04)

- 7) The proposal to provide areas of shared space along Dodder Road Lower have been revised and the Preferred Option seeks to maximise the provision of segregated walking and cycling on this section of the route.

Next Steps

It is now intended that the design team will commence developing the Preliminary Designs for this scheme with a view to beginning the statutory Planning Process later in 2019 or early 2020.

The Councillors views on the Preferred Route attached to this note are welcome at this time.