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Re: Proposed variation No. 8 to the Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan 2010-2016 – To provide a Specific Local Objective on Map 10 for a Park and Ride Car Park at Shankill Dart Station.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

The National Transport Authority (“the Authority”) submits the following report on proposed variation No. 8 to the Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan 2010-2016.

The Dublin Transport Authority Act, 2008 provides that each planning authority within the Greater Dublin Area (GDA) shall ensure that its development plans are consistent with the Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy for the period 2011-2030. The Authority has published a draft Transport Strategy, which has been submitted to the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport for his consideration. While the Transport Strategy is a draft document, the Authority requests that Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council consider the policies, objectives and measures contained within the draft Transport Strategy in relation to any proposed variation of the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Development Plan.

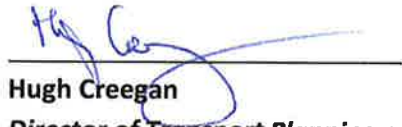
The Authority, as set out in Chapter 10 of the draft Transport Strategy, supports the role of local park and ride facilities in outer parts of the Metropolitan area, where they improve public transport accessibility without worsening road congestion or increasing car travel distance. In this context, the Authority considers that the proposed variation will provide a local park and ride consistent with the objectives of the draft Transport Strategy.

Accordingly, The Authority welcomes and supports the aim of the proposed variation to provide for an improved amenity for local residents and a modern, secure facility for commuters and users of

the Dart. However there are a number of design details, which the Authority considers need to be further developed at the detailed design stage. The Authority would welcome the opportunity to discuss these design details prior to final design.

In summary, the Authority reiterates its support for this proposal and trusts that its views will be taken into consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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Director of Transport Planning and Investment