Senior Executive Officer,
Planning and Enterprise Department,
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council,
County Hall,
Marine Road
Dun Laoghaire.

12th June 2013

Re: Draft Blackrock Local Area Plan

Dear Sir/Madam,

The National Transport Authority (hereafter referred to as the "Authority") submits the following report on the draft Blackrock Local Area Plan.

The Authority welcomes the collaborative approach that DLRCC has taken in preparing the Local Area Plan and supports the range of LAP proposals to improve the environment for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport. The Authority considers that the draft Plan is consistent with the Authority's general objectives.

In relation to the proposals to relocate the existing bus terminus at the Dart Station, the Authority will consider this proposal once more details are available on the design of the public realm improvements and car parking arrangements. The Authority will work with the Council to facilitate the achievement of the Council's wider objectives for the area around Blackrock Dart station and in achieving the long-term vision for this area. As there is a longer walking distance to the proposed interchange on Blackrock Main Street, any proposals would need to demonstrate a significantly improved pedestrian environment and public realm in the Blackrock Dart station environs to facilitate a high quality environment for interchange between the Dart and bus.

The Authority requests that Main Street Idea 6 (p39) in the draft LAP be amended from *"bus stop relocated and wider footpaths formed to create a more generous public space"* to *"bus stop redesigned and wider footpaths formed to create a more generous public space"*.

The National Transport Authority requests your consideration of the above comments.

Yours sincerely,

Hugh Creegan
Director of Transport Investment and Taxi Regulation