

APPENDIX 1A: LIST OF BODIES CONSULTED AS PART OF EIA SCOPING PROCESS AND RESPONSES RECEIVED

CONSULTEE	RESPONSE
1 An Bord Pleanála	
2 An Comhairle Ealaíon (The Arts Council)	
3 An Taisce	
4 BirdWatch Ireland	
5 Bord Gáis Éireann (Irish Gas Board)	✓
6 Bus Éireann	
7 Commission for Energy Regulation (CER)	
8 Department of Agriculture and Food	✓
9 Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism	✓
10 Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources	✓
11 Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs	
12 Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment	✓
13 Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform	
14 Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government (DoEHLG)	✓
15 Department of Transport	✓
16 Dublin Airport Authority Plc.	
17 Dublin Bus	
18 Dublin Chambers of Commerce	
19 Dublin Regional Authority	
20 Dublin Transportation Office (DTO)	✓
21 Eastern Regional Fisheries Board	
22 Eircom Ltd	✓
23 Electricity Supply Board (ESB)	
24 Enterprise Ireland	
25 Environmental Protection Agency	✓
26 FAS	✓
27 Geological Survey of Ireland	
28 Health and Safety Authority	
29 Health Services Executive	
30 Heritage Council	
31 Irish Aviation Authority	✓
32 National Monuments Section (DoEHLG)	
33 National Museum of Ireland	✓
34 National Park and Wildlife Services (DoEHLG)	
35 National Roads Authority	✓
36 Office of Public Works	
37 South Dublin County Council	✓
38 Ministry of Defence, Property Management Branch	
39 South Dublin County Council Roads Department	✓
40 South Dublin County Council Environmental Services Department	✓

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES AND ISSUES RAISED

Seventeen responses were received from consultees. Of these responses, 8 acknowledged receipt of the Scoping Report without comment. These comprised of various Government Departments, the EPA and the Irish Aviation Authority.

Bord Gáis Éireann had no comment to make on the Scoping Report however signalled their intention to be involved in the design and construction stage of the project as diversions to or additional protection of the existing Bord Gáis Networks may be required as a consequence of the proposed works.

The Dublin Transportation Office (DTO) addressed a number of issues in relation to the Scoping Report. Comments included recommendations regarding both the EIS and the Transport Assessment. Issues included:

- Implications of the proposal for Metro West and the wider DTO Strategy.
- Consideration of alternatives to the proposed alignment.
- The transport impact of the Line A1 proposal on the existing Luas network, and on the Luas network in the medium term, including the impact on demand in Dublin City Centre and Tallaght Town Centre.
- Separate identification of population and employment growth associated with local authority land use rezoning decisions (or decisions on permitted densities within existing zoned areas) that can be directly attributable to the provision of Luas Line A1, in conjunction with South Dublin County Council.
- Impact of any park & ride proposals.
- Bus interchange arrangements.
- Provision of a junction to permit running of direct Citywest-Tallaght Luas services as required.
- Achievable Luas headways following completion of the A1 scheme, including Luas headways between City Centre and Tallaght.
- Use of a design year at least 15 years after opening.

The response from FÁS welcomed the proposed extension of the Luas Line to Citywest as part of the overall improvement of public transport infrastructure.

The National Museum of Ireland concurred with the Archaeology, Cultural and Architectural Heritage methodology outlined in the Draft Scoping Report.

The National Roads Authority (NRA) commented that the Transport Assessment should assess the impact on operation of Citywest Road / Fortunestown Lane Junction. The NRA also stated that in assessing the junction account should be taken on any approved enhancements / improvements that are planned for the junction.

South Dublin County Council Planning Department made a number of comments in relation to the proposed line. These comments related to:

- Boundaries for aspects of EIS
- Noise, vibration and dust (air quality)
- Unintended consequences of the infrastructure

South Dublin County Council Development Department made a number of comments in relation to the proposed line. These comments related to:

- Reference to Grange Castle Business Park and adjoining residential/ leisure developments
- Lands for Park & Ride
- Impact of Council road construction along proposed route
- Property assessment

The Roads Department of South Dublin County Council issued a separate response to the Scoping Report. The response focused on the interface between the proposed Luas Line A1 and the Outer Ring Road and Embankment Road Extension.

The Environmental Services Department of South Dublin County Council issued a response which set out a number of observations in respect of existing and proposed services, including watermains and sewers.

The response from Eircom Ltd related to the Planning and Policy Context section of the EIS. The response recommended interaction between the RPA and Eircom to ensure that there is no impact on the operation of the existing telecommunications network. A comment was also made regarding the need for a review of the diversionary works contract (DWC) for the A1 line.

The comments received informed the process and enabled the preparation of the final Scoping Report and the detailed assessment of the proposed Luas Line A1.