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## New Traffic Plans for Merrion and Sandymount

### Notice re two important dates

Dear Resident,

As you may have heard, the National Transport Authority (NTA) have proposed significant changes to local traffic systems.

The suggested plan includes a bridge for vehicles to be built near Merrion Church. It also includes an underpass for pedestrians and cyclists beneath the DART line, a boardwalk along the Strand and potentially a one-way system from Blackrock to Seapoint.

- **A public consultation has been opened to allow for feedback. Please see details of the submission process overleaf, the closing date is 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016.**

I have been in touch with the NTA to request that a public information meeting be organised. They have agreed to do this.

- **Two meetings will take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> November from 7 – 9.30pm in the Tara Towers Hotel. Engineers and designers of the proposal will give a presentation and will then take questions and feedback.**

I hope you find this information useful. Every week I send out a weekly email that provides information on what's happening in our area (eg. water disruptions, park improvements), as well as developments regarding national issues (Brexit issues, insurance costs etc). Email me at [eoghan.murphy@oir.ie](mailto:eoghan.murphy@oir.ie) and I will add you to the list.

All the best,

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The full consultation document can be seen on the NTA's website:

<https://www.nationaltransport.ie/consultations/nta-opens-consultation-on-ambitious-proposals-to-tackle-merrion-gate-bottleneck/>

**Please see below some information from the NTA.**

*The National Transport Authority has opened a process of public consultation around proposals that will address the acute transport needs along the Sandymount/ Merrion – Blackrock corridor.*

*This is our Emerging Preferred Scheme which seeks to provide a comprehensive solution to a complex set of transport needs, in a way that will deliver real benefits to bus and rail passengers, cyclists, pedestrians, and all road users.*

*Traffic and congestion in the Merrion Gate area have become more and more acute in recent years. What we are putting forward is an ambitious and forward-looking set of proposals that we feel will deliver real benefits to commuters, road users and local communities all along the route.*

*To ensure the plan is as good as it can possibly be, we are actively consulting with the public. If members of local communities, or public transport users, or cyclists, or road users or the business community have suggestions as to how we can do this better, we will certainly reflect that in the finalised plans.*

*We are very anxious to get as wide a range of views as possible, and we want to engage with as many people as possible in the consultation process, so that we can be confident that the final plan, maps out the best way forward.*

***In order to make a submission***, you can send an email to [eastcoast@nationaltransport.ie](mailto:eastcoast@nationaltransport.ie) or write to:

National Transport Authority,  
Dún Scéine,  
Iveagh Court,  
Harcourt Lane,  
Dublin 2,  
D02 WT20.

*All submissions and observations received within the timeframe set out above will be taken into consideration before the finalisation of the Strategy.*

*All submissions must include the full name and address of the person making the submission and where relevant the name of the body or organisation represented. Please note that submissions are subject to Freedom of Information Act. Submissions may be published on our website.*

***Closing date for all submissions and relevant supporting documents is 5pm on Friday 16th of December 2016.***