**The new BusConnects network is rolling out in West Dublin and East Kidlare**

Launching November 28, 2021.

* C1 and C2: Adamstown Station – City centre – Sandymount.
* C3: Maynooth – Leixlip – City centre – Ringsend Road.
* C4: Maynooth – Celbridge – City centre – Ringsend Road.

Plus other new services.

Operators:

Dublin Bus and Go-Ahead Ireland.

# **The new BusConnects network**

The new network follows from three rounds of public consultation which concluded in 2020. Once operational it will improve the existing Transport for Ireland (TFI) network   
by providing enhanced bus services with high frequency spines   
and new local, orbital and radial routes.

This new network will roll out on a phased basis over the coming years. The first phase commenced in North East Dublin in June 2021. The next phase involves services in West Dublin and East Kildare from areas such as Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge, Lucan Liffey Valley and Palmerstown towards the City centre and Sandymount.

# **Some of the many benefits of BusConnects include:**

* Increased capacity and frequency.
* Increased all day, night-time and weekend services.
* Improved ticketing to allow for free interchange between services.

# **We are now entering Phase 2 of the Network Redesign**

Phase 2, which commences on the November 28, involves the introduction of the C-Spine (C1, C2, C3, C4), route 52, eight peak only routes (P29, X25, X26, X27, X28, X30, X31 and X32) and six local routes (L51, L52, L53, L54, L58 and L59). The Express routes have significant changes, particularly for inbound services.

Two night-time routes (C5 and C6) will also be introduced. These night-time routes will follow a similar routing to the C3 and C4, but will operate via Chapelizod instead of the Chapelizod bypass. The C5 will also serve River Forest and Green Lane. In addition, the C1 and C2 will operate 24-hours a day.

Phase 2 routes will be operated by Dublin Bus, with the exception of the L51 and L52 which will operated by Go-Ahead Ireland.

# **Other changes from November 28:**

* Route 1 will run between Santry and the City centre and will no longer serve Sandymount
* Route 26 will be significantly enhanced to ensure capacity for Chapelizod and Islandbridge
* Routes 15a, 15b, 15d will no longer operate to Ringsend Road, and will instead terminate/commence at Merrion Square.

# **Definitions:**

**Spine:** Spines are very frequent routes made up of individual bus services that are timetabled to work together.

**C1 + C2 + C3 + C4 = C – Spine**

(C5 & C6 are night-time services only)

**Radial:** Other city bound services that operate into Dublin City centre. These services are not part of any Spine and operate to their own timetable.

**Local:** Local routes are services that provide important connections within local areas, linking to local retail centres and to onward transport connections.

Phase 2 is introducing several new local routes for the first time. These will significantly increase bus coverage serving more areas, with better frequency. Brand new links are being introduced around Adamstown Station, Hazelhatch Station, Lucan, Leixlip and Celbridge.

* Routes L51 and L52 together provide a service from Adamstown Station via Dodsboro to Lucan Village and on to either Liffey Valley (L51) or Blanchardstown (L52). This provides a new connection to rail at Adamstown Station and upgrades the current link to Blanchardstown.
* Route L53 will provide a half-hourly service between Adamstown Station and Liffey Valley passing through residential areas in South Lucan including Balgaddy and Fonthill Road.
* Route L54 is new and will serve Leixlip (River Forest), Lucan, Clondalkin and the Red Cow Luas stop.
* Routes L58 and L59 provide a joint service between River Forest and Hazelhatch Station via Leixlip village and Hewlett Packard (L58) or Celbridge (L59). This provides long-requested links to rail at Hazelhatch and the first-ever all-day service in the residential areas of Celbridge.

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| Route Number (until 27.11.21) | NEW Route Number (from 28.11.21) | Journey Details |
| 1 & 25a | C1 | From Adamstown Station via Lucan Road, Chapelizod bypass and City centre to Sandymount |
| 1 & 25b | C2 | From Adamstown Station via Lucan Road, Chapelizod bypass and City centre to Sandymount |
| 66 | C3 | From Maynooth via Leixlip, Lucan Road, Chapelizod bypass and City centre to  Ringsend Road |
| 67 | C4 | From Maynooth via Celbridge, Chapelizod bypass and City centre to Ringsend Road |
| 66x | X25 | From Maynooth (Straffan Road) via Green Lane, Leixlip and City centre to UCD |
| 66x | X26 | From Maynooth (Straffan Road) via Leixlip  to Leeson Street |
| 67x | X27 | From Celbridge (Salesian College)  via Aghards Road and City centre to UCD |
| 67x | X28 | From Celbridge (Salesian College) via Celbridge Main Street to UCD |
| 25x | X30 | From Dodsboro via Lucan Village to UCD |
| 66x | X31 | From River Forest, via Leixlip  and Lucan Village to Earlsfort Terrace |
| 66x | X32 | From Hewlett Packard via Leixlip and Lucan Village to Earlsfort Terrace |
| 25d | P29 | From Adamstown Station via Newcastle Road, Chapelizod bypass and City centre to Ringsend Road |
| 26 | 26 | Route 26 will be significantly enhanced to ensure capacity for Chapelizod and Islandbridge |
| 66e | 52 | From Intel via Leixlip, Green Lane, Chapelizod bypass and City centre to Ringsend Road |
| 239 | L51 | From Adamstown Station to Liffey Valley,  operated by Go-Ahead Ireland |
| 239 | L52 | From Adamstown Station to Blanchardstown, operated by Go-Ahead Ireland |
| (N/A)  New Routes | L53 | From Adamstown Station to Liffey Valley  via Fonthill Road |
| (N/A)  New Routes | L54 | From River Forest to Red Cow Luas  via Lucan Village, Balgaddy and Clondalkin |
| (N/A)  New Routes | L58 | From River Forest to Hazelhatch via Hewlett Packard |
| (N/A)  New Routes | L59 | From River Forest to Hazelhatch  via Green Lane |

# **Benefits of the BusConnects programme**

BusConnects is the National Transport Authority’s programme to greatly improve bus services in Irish cities. The programme will be rolled out over the coming years.

It will provide additional capacity and increased frequency, especially at evenings and weekends. More 24-hour services will be introduced which will assist shift workers and support the night-time economy.

The BusConnects Network Redesign is introducing high frequency spine and radial routes that operate into Dublin City centre, new orbital routes for faster cross-suburban trips, and new local routes to provide important connections within local areas. Peak services will provide additional capacity at the busiest travel times.

* 230KM of priority bus lanes making journeys faster and more reliable.
* New Bus stops and shelters with better signage and information.
* New simplified fares system
* New Park & Ride facilities at key locations
* Low emissions bus fleet
* 200km of cycle lanes/tracks
* New bus livery providing a common style across all TFI operators

# **C-Spine – Summary of stops served**

## **C1:**

Dumhach Thrá / Sandymount

An Baile Gaelach / Irishtown

Bóthar na Rinne/ Ringsend Road

Ceantar na nDugaí Theas / South Docklands

Lár na Cathrach / City centre

Stáisiún Heuston / Heuston Station

Seachbhóthar Shéipéal Iosóid / Chapelizod bypass

Baile Phámar / Palmerstown

Gleann na Life / Liffey Valley

Br Bhaile Eoghain / Ballyowen Road

Br Bhaile an tSionnaigh / Foxborough Road

Bóthar an Ghrífín / Griffeen Road

Bóthar an Ghrífín / Castlegate Way

Stáisiún Bhaile Adaim / Adamstown Station

## **C2:**

Dumhach Thrá / Sandymount

An Baile Gaelach / Irishtown

Bóthar na Rinne/ Ringsend Road

Ceantar na nDugaí Theas / South Docklands

Lár na Cathrach / City centre

Stáisiún Heuston / Heuston Station

Seachbhóthar Shéipéal Iosóid / Chapelizod bypass

Baile Phámar / Palmerstown

Gleann na Life / Liffey Valley

Br Bhaile Eoghain / Ballyowen Road

Br Bhaile an tSionnaigh / Foxborough Road

Bealach Gheata an Chaisleáin / Griffeen Avenue

Bóthar an Ghrífín / Castlegate Way

Stáisiún Bhaile Adaim / Adamstown Station

## **C3:**

Dumhach Thrá / Sandymount

An Baile Gaelach / Irishtown

Bóthar na Rinne/ Ringsend Road

Ceantar na nDugaí Theas / South Docklands

Lár na Cathrach / City centre

Stáisiún Heuston / Heuston Station

Seachbhóthar Shéipéal Iosóid / Chapelizod bypass

Baile Phámar / Palmerstown

Gleann na Life / Liffey Valley

Sráidbhaile Leamhcáin/ Lucan Village

Léim an Bhradáin Stáisiún Dhroichead Louisa / Leixlip Louise Bridge Station

Bealach isteach Intel, Léim an Bhradáin/ Leixlip Intel Entrance

Maigh Nuad, an tSráid Mhór/ Maynooth, Main Street

Bóthar Theach Srafáin/ Maynooth, Straffan Road

## **C4:**

Dumhach Thrá / Sandymount

An Baile Gaelach / Irishtown

Bóthar na Rinne/ Ringsend Road

Ceantar na nDugaí Theas / South Docklands

Lár na Cathrach / City centre

Stáisiún Heuston / Heuston Station

Seachbhóthar Shéipéal Iosóid / Chapelizod bypass

Baile Phámar / Palmerstown

Gleann na Life / Liffey Valley

Sráidbhaile Leamhcáin/ Lucan Village

Cill Droichid / Celbridge

Stáisiún Mhaigh Nuad / Maynooth Station

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# **Travel Assistance Scheme:**

The Travel Assistance Scheme is run by Dublin Bus on behalf of Transport for Ireland within the Greater Dublin Area. Its aim is to help customers use public transport on their own, especially those with disabilities and reduced mobility.

The scheme is open to all over the age of eighteen, and available on Dublin City Buses, Luas and DART services in the greater Dublin area. For further information on how to use the scheme call (01) 703 3204 or email   
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