

**Councillor Ossian Smyth**  
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Dear Councillor

I refer to your email of 26 August concerning proposed changes to some Dublin Bus routes in the Dún Laoghaire area.

Dublin Bus has put forward proposals on Routes 7, 7b, 7d, 8, 45a, 59, 63 and 111 with a view to:-

- improving journey times on key bus routes;
- better matching the level of service to the demand for travel from individual areas; and
- providing more consistent frequencies on local services.

The routes in question form part of the network of services provided by Dublin Bus under a public service contract with the National Transport Authority (NTA). Accordingly, no changes to services can be made without the NTA's approval.

There is no statutory requirement for the NTA to undertake any public consultation regarding changes to contracted public transport services. However, where significant changes to those services are being proposed, the NTA will normally request the bus operator to undertake a consultation process on its behalf. I should point out that this is the same approach that was adopted during the successful reorganisation of the full Dublin Bus network in 2010/11 (the Network Direct project).

In the case of the current proposed changes to bus services in the Dún Laoghaire area the public consultation process included an open day at Dún Laoghaire Shopping Centre, a meeting with public representatives and a request for views and comments via the Dublin Bus website.

Both Dublin Bus and the NTA have received a significant amount of feedback on the proposals, which will be taken into account in arriving at a decision in the matter in due course.

Yours sincerely



**Anne Graham**  
Chief Executive