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The bus network in Cork has been comprehensively redesigned as part of the BusConnects Cork programme. The redesign work was carried out in partnership with the City and the County Councils to ensure full integration with local, regional and national policy. There was extensive engagement with the public and with stakeholders.

The new bus network will provide over 50% more service than existing, an unprecedented investment in Cork's public transport. More areas are being served; more people are within walking distance of a high frequency and there will be more 24-hour operation. It is planned to deliver these benefits during 2025 and 2026. Certain infrastructure is required to allow the new network to be operated. Buses need a means of turning around at the new endpoints of the new/extended routes. Excellent reliability depends on layover space at the terminal to allow time in schedules for any late-running bus to return on time on its next trip.

A detailed operational review of the new bus network has now identified the shorter-term stop and terminus alterations needed to support the introduction of the new bus system.

For the proposed infrastructure changes, the following four locations have been identified as requiring notification pursuant to the provisions of Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994:

1. Site A – Lotamore Drive (Bus Terminal/Stand)

New Route 28 is a cross-city service from Mardyke Walk (running via City centre) to Old Youghal Road & Lotamore Drive, the new route requires terminal capacity including lay-over space at Lotamore Drive (near Bawnleigh Court) at its junction with R615 Old Youghal Road to support this.

2. Site B – Old Court Greenfields Bus Stop/Stand

Provision of a northbound offline (layby) bus stop/stand (terminal), upgrade existing traffic island to include an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing and modification to the layout of the existing footway.

Route 2B runs from the Mayfield area in the east to the Ballincollig area in the west of Cork via Cork City.

3. Site C – Old Fort Road (Waltham Abbey) Bus Stop/Stand

Located on the L2263 Old Fort Road for a westbound offline (layby) bus stop/stand (terminal) near its access to Castlewest Shopping Centre. On road bus stand (terminal) on Old Fort Road is required to support the implementation of new Route 17 Ballincollig to Kent Station (via Cloghroe).

4. Site D - Ballycurren Industrial Estate Bus Stops

Provision of a built-out bus boarding areas, uncontrolled pedestrian crossing (dropped kerb only), and modification to the layout of the existing footpaths and hardshoulder.

The new on-road stops are proposed on Ballycurren Road to support an orbital Route 7a/7b clockwise/anti-clockwise loops to Cork City Centre.

Each of the four locations above are subject to a separate public consultation process, and each consultation package can be accessed through <https://consult.corkcity.ie>

Other proposals (such as terminal locations) will also be subject to consultation. Details of Cork's New Bus Network including route numbers, frequencies etc. can be on the online map at: <https://busconnects.ie/cities/cork/cork-bus-network-redesign/>