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Dear Mr Hickey

I refer to your letter dated 18 September concerning the Dublin City Centre Transport Study.

In terms of traffic information, Dublin City Council holds more extensive traffic information in relation to College Green than the data held by the National Transport Authority (NTA). However, any such information available to the NTA can be made available to the Council.

The conventional approach to ascertaining trip purposes on a particular road link is through carrying out an "origin and destination survey" of a sample of the vehicles using the relevant road or street. In the case of College Green, the recent extension of the bus gate hours to cover the twelve hour period from 7am to 7 pm, Monday to Friday, means that no private vehicles are permitted through College Green during weekday daytime hours. Accordingly, an "origin and destination survey" is not feasible. It is worth noting that these extended bus gate hours also mean that any difficulties that may have existed with vehicles diverting from East Link Bridge to travel through College Green, no longer occurs during the revised hours of operation.

As suggested at the Committee meeting, further revisions to bus routes through the City Centre will be required. Such changes will, in particular, be necessary to reflect traffic network changes that will come into operation due to the commencement of Luas Cross City services. The NTA will carry out the necessary planning for such changes over the 2016/2017 period and will ensure that the necessary revisions are in place to coincide with the commencement of the new Luas services.

Yours sincerely


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Chief Executive