

## **Proposed amendment to the North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ Planning Scheme in relation to revised bridge location across the River Liffey**

Dublin City Council proposes to amend the location of a planned pedestrian/cycle bridge across the River Liffey, from Forbes Street to Blood Stoney Road. As part of this process, An Bord Pleanála advise a public consultation stage is now required in relation to proposed amendments to the scheme and in accordance with section 170(A) of the Planning and Development Act.

This public consultation stage will run from Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Jan to Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Feb during which submissions are welcome. A report on the consultation will thereafter be submitted to An Bord Pleanála.

In compliance with the above, a copy of the proposed amendments, along with assessments in relation to AA and SEA may be inspected at the following locations during normal opening hours from **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020 to Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020 inclusive**:

**Dublin Docklands Office, Dublin City Council, Custom House Quay, Dublin 1.**

**Dublin City Council, Planning Counter, Ground Floor, Block 4,**

**Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8.**

The documents are also available at <http://www.dublindocklands.ie/planning>

Written submissions or observations with respect to the proposed amendments are invited from members of the public and other interested parties including children or groups or associations representing the interests of children and may be made in writing to the Planning Authority not later than Friday **26<sup>th</sup> February 2020**. Any such submissions or observations will be taken into consideration by An Bord Pleanála before making a decision on the proposed amendments. Submissions and observations should state the name, address, and where relevant details of any organisation represented. Submissions may be made and may online at the following link

<https://consultation.dublincity.ie/planning/bridge-amendment/>

**Or**

By post to the following address:-

**North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock Proposed Amendment**

**Dublin Docklands, Dublin City Council,**

**Custom House Quay, Dublin 1.**

The Planning process is an open and public one. In that context all submissions/observations are a matter of public record, and may also be placed on the City Council's website.

Documents available provide relevant details and include ;

- 1. *The proposed amendment***
- 2. *Relevant Newspaper Advert***
- 3. *Full report and related appendices***
- 4. *Assessments in relation to Appropriate Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment***

## 1 The proposed amendment to the Planning Scheme

The North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ Planning Scheme contains an objective to provide a pedestrian/cycle bridge across the River Liffey at Forbes Street. This is represented in figure 35 of the scheme (p178) by the dotted orange-coloured arrow on the left.

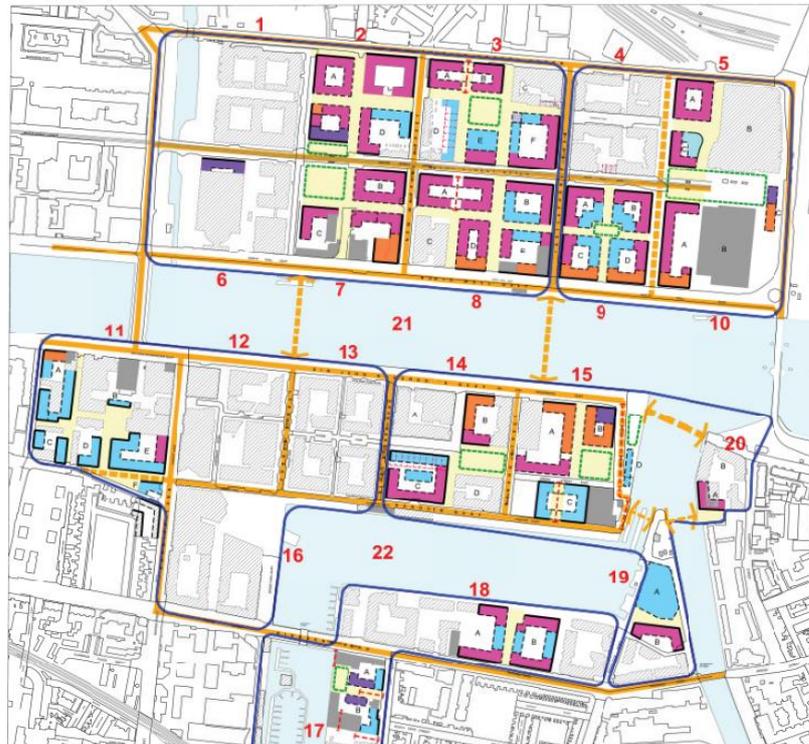


Figure 35 of the original Planning scheme.

The proposed amendment now seeks to omit this, replacing it with a bridge at New Wapping Street/Blood Stoney Road.

For clarity, the new location is illustrated in the graphic below by a pink dashed arrow. Note that the bridge would be designed to open, to allow boats/vessels to pass through, and would be proximate to the new Central Bank Building on the North Quays.

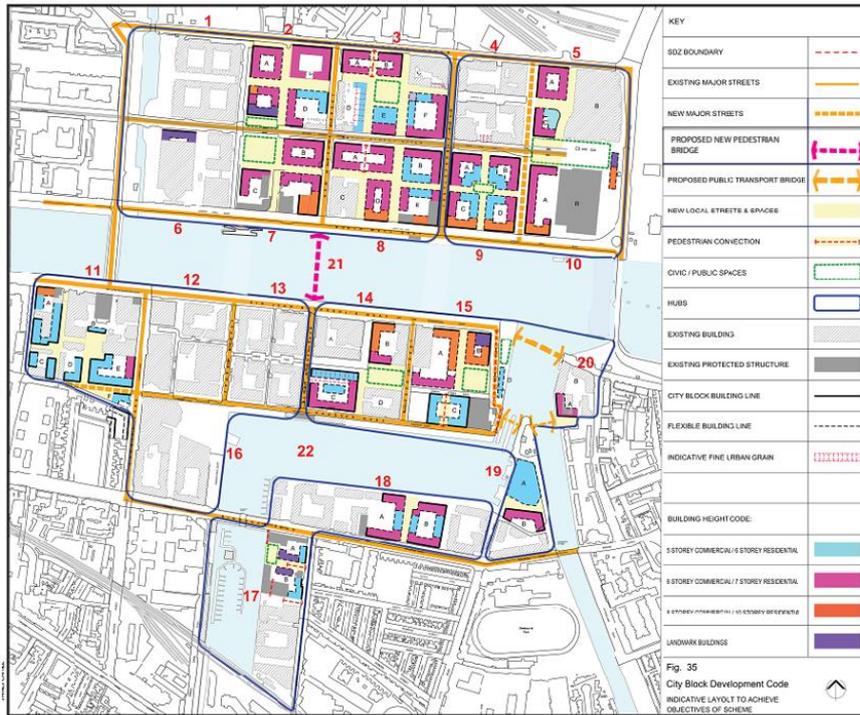
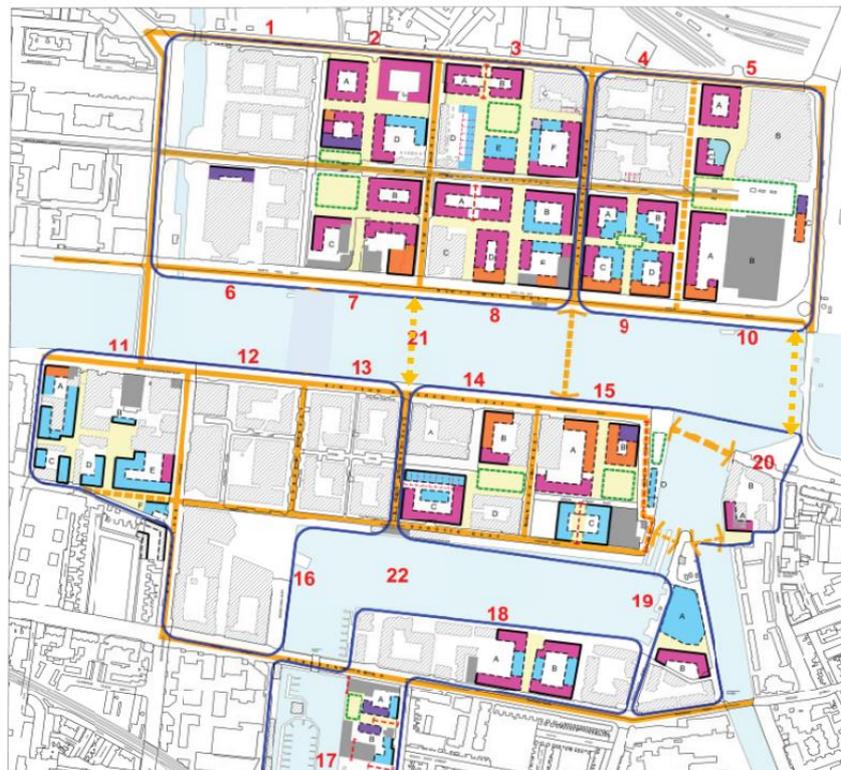


Fig 35- Development Code for City Blocks

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The above, when considered along with the previously approved amendments to bridges under recent decision ref 29N.ZE.0006, would result in an amended figure 35 within the planning scheme, and this is shown below

Proposed amended Fig. 35 ;



The North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock Planning Scheme contains a number of associated references which will need to be altered to reflect the change. These proposed changes, which include text and graphics, are set out in the full report that accompanies this document.

## **2. Newspaper Advert ;**

See below, as printed in the Irish Independent newspaper on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020 (divided into two sections here for ease of legibility).



Comhairle Cathrach  
Bhaile Átha Cliath  
Dublin City Council



**PUBLIC  
NOTICE**

**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL  
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000,  
as amended**

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001,  
as amended.**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED MATERIAL AMENDMENT TO THE  
NORTH LOTTS AND GRAND CANAL DOCK STRATEGIC  
DEVELOPMENT ZONE PLANNING SCHEME**

Dublin City Council is specified as the Development Agency for the purposes of the above Planning Scheme under the SDZ designation in accordance with Part IX Section 166(3) of the Act. As the designated Development Agency for the SDZ, Dublin City Council proposes to amend the location of a planned pedestrian/ cycle bridge across the River Liffey, from Forbes Street to Blood Stoney Road.

The main reasons for the proposed amendment are as follows;

- There has been a change in circumstances in relation to the impact of a bridge at Forbes Street. The alignment of the proposed DART Underground route which traverses the River Liffey is now under review by the National Transport Authority, and the provision of a bridge at Forbes Street would result in unacceptable design and cost constraints, with associated risk for the future of the project. A relocated position avoids this problem whilst ensuring ease of access to the future DART station.
- The Blood Stoney Road location would greatly improve connectivity and help alleviate pedestrian and cyclist congestion on the nearby Samuel Beckett Bridge.
- The Blood Stoney Road location avoids the need to relocate the MV Cill Airne and the likely need to relocate the existing Diving Bell on the South Quays.
- The proposed bridge, when taken in conjunction with existing and other planned bridges, would help achieve a more even distribution of bridges along the River Liffey, supporting more activity on the River Liffey.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 170A(7) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended, that copies of the proposed amendment, along with the assessments undertaken according to subsection (6)(b) of the above Act in relation to Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment, are available for inspection at the following locations during normal opening hours from Wednesday **29th January 2020 to Wednesday 26th February 2020** inclusive:

**Dublin Docklands Office, Dublin City Council, Custom House Quay, Dublin 1.**

**Dublin City Council, Planning Counter, Ground Floor, Block 4, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8.**

These documents, which include further detail of the summarised reasons above, may also be viewed online at <http://www.dublindocklands.ie/planning>

Written submissions or observations in relation to the Proposed Amendment to the North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock Strategic Development Zone Planning Scheme are invited from members of the public and other interested parties including children, or groups or associations representing children and may be made online at the following link

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by post to the following address:-

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Custom House Quay, Dublin 1.**

Submissions or observations must include the full name and address of the person making the submission or observation and, where relevant, the body or organisation represented, and should be received not later than **Wednesday 26th February 2020**. These will be taken into consideration prior to making a decision on the proposed amendment.

**Please Note:**

In accordance with Section 170A(7) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended, only submissions or observations in relation to the Proposed Amendments will be taken into consideration. Submissions/observations not adhering to these criteria will be considered invalid.

The Planning process is an open and public one. In that context all submissions/observations are a matter of public record, and may also be placed on the City Council's website.