

**Ruth Carty, Secretary,  
GADRA.**

By email to [info@gadra.ie](mailto:info@gadra.ie)

25<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**Re: BusConnects - Request for Funding for Expert Advice**

Dear Ms. Carty,


I refer to your email of 11<sup>th</sup> January seeking funding for the provision of expert advice to GADRA in relation to the BusConnects Core Bus Corridor proposals.

The project is currently at the stage of identifying a preferred option for various corridors to bring forward for further design development. While the provision of the services of an independent party is sometimes considered for particular aspects of a project, it is normally at the later stage of a project when the preferred option has been selected and the more detailed design aspects of the scheme are being developed. In addition, such engagement is frequently related to particular aspects of a project, such as the impacts of tunnelling under properties on those properties.

Accordingly, we would not be prepared to provide funding to GADRA for the engagement of a specialist / expert at this stage of the BusConnects Core Bus Corridor proposals. But this is something that can be revisited at the later stages of the project.

I trust that this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,



Hugh Creegan,  
Deputy Chief Executive.