

10<sup>th</sup> August 2015

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**RE: DIRECT APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA UNDER SECTION 37E FOR PERMISSION FOR A PERIOD OF 10 NO. YEARS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED NEW NATIONAL PAEDIATRIC HOSPITAL, WHICH IS AN INTEGRATED HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING 6 NO. PRINCIPAL ELEMENTS AND ANCILLARY DEVELOPMENT: (I) A 473 NO. BED NEW CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL (UP TO 118,113 SQ.M. GROSS FLOOR AREA) AT THE ST. JAMES'S HOSPITAL CAMPUS, JAMES'S STREET, DUBLIN 8 (WHICH CONTAINS PROTECTED STRUCTURES); (II) A 53 NO. BED FAMILY ACCOMMODATION UNIT (UP TO 4,354 SQ.M. GROSS FLOOR AREA) AT THE ST. JAMES'S HOSPITAL CAMPUS, JAMES'S STREET, DUBLIN 8 (WHICH CONTAINS PROTECTED STRUCTURES); (III) A CHILDREN'S RESEARCH AND INNOVATION CENTRE (UP TO 2,971 SQ.M. GROSS FLOOR AREA) AT THE ST. JAMES'S HOSPITAL CAMPUS, JAMES'S STREET, DUBLIN 8 (WHICH CONTAINS PROTECTED STRUCTURES); (IV) A CONSTRUCTION COMPOUND AT THE FORMER UNILEVER SITE AT DAVITT ROAD, DRIMNAGH, DUBLIN 12; (V) A CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL SATELLITE CENTRE AT THE ADELAIDE & MEATH HOSPITAL DUBLIN (TALLAGHT HOSPITAL), BELGARD SQUARE NORTH, TALLAGHT, DUBLIN 24 (UP TO 4,466. SQ.M. GROSS FLOOR AREA); AND (VI) A CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL SATELLITE CENTRE AT CONNOLLY HOSPITAL CAMPUS IN BLANCHARDSTOWN, DUBLIN 15 (UP TO 5,093 SQ.M. GROSS FLOOR AREA).**

## **1 Introduction**

On behalf of the applicant, The National Paediatric Hospital Development Board (NPHDB) of Hospital 7, St. James's Hospital Campus, James's Street, Dublin 8, we GVA Planning and Regeneration Ltd. trading as Bilfinger GVA, are applying to An Bord Pleanála under section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as inserted by the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act, 2006 and subsequently amended by the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act, 2010 and the Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2011 for permission for a period of 10 no. years for the development of the proposed new National Paediatric Hospital.

The application is made following the formal notice served by An Bord Pleanála on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2015 that the proposed development falls within the scope of paragraphs 37A(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and accordingly the Board decided that the proposed development would be strategic infrastructure within the meaning of Section 37A of the Planning and Development Act (as amended) (Case Reference PL29N.PC0158). This notification is attached to this letter.

## **2 Proposed Development**

The proposed new National Paediatric Hospital is an integrated health infrastructure development comprising 6 no. principal elements and ancillary development as set out below:

- (i) a 473 no. bed new children's hospital (up to 118,113 sq.m. gross floor area) at the St. James's Hospital Campus, James's Street, Dublin 8 (which contains Protected Structures);
- (ii) a 53 no. bed family accommodation unit (up to 4,354 sq.m. gross floor area) at the St. James's Hospital Campus, James's Street, Dublin 8 (which contains Protected Structures);
- (iii) a Children's Research and Innovation Centre (up to 2,971 sq.m. gross floor area) at the St. James's Hospital Campus, James's Street, Dublin 8 (which contains Protected Structures);
- (iv) a construction compound at the former Unilever site at Davitt Road, Drimnagh, Dublin 12;
- (v) a children's hospital satellite centre at The Adelaide & Meath Hospital Dublin (Tallaght Hospital), Belgard Square North, Tallaght, Dublin 24 (up to 4,466 sq.m. gross floor area); and
- (vi) a children's hospital satellite centre at Connolly Hospital Campus in Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 (up to 5,093 sq.m. gross floor area).

A full description of the proposed development is enclosed within the planning application documentation enclosed herewith.

## **3. Letters of Support**

This application is accompanied by letters of support from the following bodies (attached to this letter):

- St. James's Hospital
- Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin
- Temple Street Children's University Hospital
- The Adelaide and Meath Hospital, Dublin (incorporating the National Children's Hospital)
- Department of Health
- Irish Water
- Railway Procurement Agency
- RCSI Hospitals

## **4. Documents Submitted as Part of This Application**

The planning application comprises of 8 Volumes. The following items are enclosed:

Volume 1 - Documentation

- This Cover Letter and accompanying documentation

- Strategic Infrastructure Development Planning Application Form and Schedules
- Copy of the Site Notice
- Copy of Newspaper Notices as published in the Irish Independent and the Herald on the 10<sup>th</sup> August 2015
- Letters of Consultation with the Prescribed Bodies
- Details on the Consultation Process
- Letters of Consent
- Schedule of Drawings
- Planning Report
- Harnessing the Potential Report
- Natura Impact Statement

#### Volume 2 – Design Reports

- St. James's Hospital Campus:
  - Architecture Design Report
  - Tree Survey Report
  - St. James's Hospital campus Draft Site Capacity Study
- Tallaght and Connolly Hospital Campuses:
  - Architecture Design Report
  - Connolly Hospital Draft Site Capacity Study
  - Tallaght Hospital Draft Site Capacity Study

#### Volume 3 – Design Drawings

- St. James's Hospital Campus:
  - Architecture Design Drawings
  - Engineering Design Drawings
- Tallaght and Connolly Hospital Campuses:
  - Architecture Design Drawings
  - Engineering Design Drawings

#### Volume 4 - Engineering

- St. James's Hospital Campus:
  - Engineering Services Report
  - Civil/Drainage Drawings
  - Drimnagh Sewer Options Report
  - Atkins Drainage Modelling Development Impact Assessment
  - Site Specific Flood Risk Assessment
  - Outline Construction Management Plan
  - Road Safety Audit
  - Lighting Report
- Tallaght and Connolly Hospital Campuses:
  - Civil and Structural Reports
  - Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing Engineering Reports

- Energy Reports
- Outline Construction Management Plan

Volume 5 – EIS Document

Volume 6 – EIS Appendix 1

Volume 7 – EIS Appendix 2

Volume 8 – EIS Drawings

In addition to the above, a scale model of the proposed development at St. James's hospital campus has been included. The payment of the statutory fee of €100,000 is being made by cheque and is enclosed herewith.

As required by the Board, 10 copies of the entire planning application (3 hard copies and 7 digital copies) are enclosed herewith. As instructed, 7 copies (5 hard copies and 2 digital copies) have each been furnished to Dublin City Council, South Dublin County Council and Fingal County Council and further requisite copies of the entire planning application have been provided to the Prescribed Bodies. A website containing the entire planning application has been set up at the following address: [www.nchplanning.ie](http://www.nchplanning.ie).

## **5 Conclusion**

We trust that the contents of this planning package are in order, however, should you require any further clarification then please do not hesitate to revert to us. We look forward to receipt of an acknowledgement at your convenience and we await a favourable decision in due course.

Yours faithfully,



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**Paul O'Neill**  
**Associate**  
**For and on behalf of Bilfinger GVA**

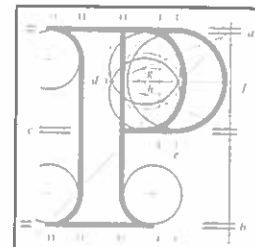
Attached:

- Letter from An Bord Pleanála confirming strategic Infrastructure status
- Letters of support

**Our Ref:** 29N.PC0158  
**P.A.Reg.Ref:**

**Your Ref:**

An Bord Pleanála



Phelim Devine  
National Paediatric Hospital Development Board  
Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital  
Lower Grand Canal Street  
Dublin 2

10th July 2015

**Re: Construction of a 384-bed inpatient and 54-bed daycare National Paediatric Hospital at St. James's Hospital, James Street, Dublin 8.**

Dear Sir,

Please be advised that following consultations under section 37B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended, the Board hereby serves notice under section 37B(4)(a) that it is of the opinion that the proposed development falls within the scope of paragraphs 37A(2)(a) of the Act. Accordingly, the Board has decided that the proposed development would be strategic infrastructure within the meaning of section 37A of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. Any application for permission for the proposed development must therefore be made directly to An Bord Pleanála under section 37E of the Act.

Please also be informed that the Board considers that the pre-application consultation process in respect of this proposed development is now closed.


Attached is a list of prescribed bodies to be notified of the application for the proposed development.

In accordance with section 146(5) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended, the Board will make available for inspection and purchase at its offices the documents relating to the decision within 3 working days following its decision. This information is normally made available on the list of decided cases on the website on the Wednesday following the week in which the decision is made.

The attachment contains information in relation to challenges to the validity of a decision of An Bord Pleanála under the provisions of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board. Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

  
Kieran Somers  
Executive Officer  
Direct Line: 01-8737107

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## **Judicial review of An Bord Pleanála decisions under the provisions of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended**

A person wishing to challenge the validity of a Board decision may do so by way of judicial review only. Sections 50, 50A and 50B of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as substituted by section 13 of the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006, as amended/substituted by sections 32 and 33 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010 and as amended by sections 20 and 21 of the Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2011) contain provisions in relation to challenges to the validity of a decision of the Board.

The validity of a decision taken by the Board may only be questioned by making an application for judicial review under Order 84 of The Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986). Sub-section 50(6) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 requires that subject to any extension to the time period which may be allowed by the High Court in accordance with subsection 50(8), any application for judicial review must be made within 8 weeks of the decision of the Board. It should be noted that any challenge taken under section 50 may question only the validity of the decision and the Courts do not adjudicate on the merits of the development from the perspectives of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and/or effects on the environment. Section 50A states that leave for judicial review shall not be granted unless the Court is satisfied that there are substantial grounds for contending that the decision is invalid or ought to be quashed and that the applicant has a sufficient interest in the matter which is the subject of the application or in cases involving environmental impact assessment is a body complying with specified criteria.

Section 50B contains provisions in relation to the cost of judicial review proceedings in the High Court relating to specified types of development (including proceedings relating to decisions or actions pursuant to a law of the state that gives effect to the public participation and access to justice provisions of Council Directive 85/337/EEC i.e. the EIA Directive and to the provisions of Directive 2001/12/EC i.e. Directive on the assessment of the effects on the environment of certain plans and programmes). The general provision contained in section 50B is that in such cases each party shall bear its own costs. The Court however may award costs against any party in specified circumstances. There is also provision for the Court to award the costs of proceedings or a portion of such costs to an applicant against a respondent or notice party where relief is obtained to the extent that the action or omission of the respondent or notice party contributed to the relief being obtained.

General information on judicial review procedures is contained on the following website, [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie).

**Disclaimer:** The above is intended for information purposes. It does not purport to be a legally binding interpretation of the relevant provisions and it would be advisable for persons contemplating legal action to seek legal advice.

### **PC0158 – List of prescribed bodies**

- Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht
- Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
- Minister for Health
- Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government
- Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport
- Dublin City Council
- Fingal County Council
- South Dublin County Council
- National Roads Authority
- Irish Water
- An Taisce
- The Heritage Council
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- CIE
- Railway Procurement Agency
- National Transport Authority
- Health Service Executive





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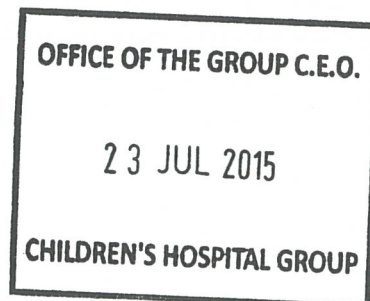
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23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2015.

Dr. Jim Browne  
Chairman  
Children's Hospital Group Board  
Rialto Gate Lodge  
St. James's Campus  
Dublin 8



Dear Dr. Browne

I write to assure you and your Board of St James's Hospitals absolute support of the application by the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board to An Bord Pleanála in respect of the building of a Children's Hospital on the St. James's campus and the development of satellite centres at Connolly Hospital and Tallaght Hospital.

The development of the New Children's Hospital on the St. James's site, together with the subsequent development of Maternity Services, provides a truly unique opportunity within the Irish Health system to establish a comprehensive Health Campus of international standing dealing with the most acute health needs of Children, Adolescents and Adults.

As the largest adult hospital in Ireland, St. James's provides a very wide range of national and local services. St. James's already has very well established clinical links with both Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin (the largest children's hospital in Ireland) and the Coombe Woman's and Infants Hospital. As a result, we are very clear that the location of the New Children's Hospital and Maternity Hospital on the same site as St. James's will directly improve the services for all patients. This tri-location of services will result in the establishment of a comprehensive health campus with the potential to play a leading role internationally in the areas of service, education, research and innovation.

## Service

Examples of the service benefits to patients will include the managed transition of adolescents from paediatric to adult services in such specialties as Oncology, Haematology, Dermatology, Maxillo-Facial Surgery and Burns. Access will be available on a single campus to the specialist Surgeons and Physicians who treat both children and adults. Seamless transfer to paediatric services for acutely ill new borns and to adult services for acutely ill mothers. On site access will be available for children to specialist diagnostic modalities such as PET imaging and specialist immunology and allergy testing. Children with cancer will for the first time have on site access to all the necessary modalities of care including neurosurgery and radiotherapy.

## Education

St James campus is already a mature centre for education and learning. Tri-location will create an environment where educational programmes can be developed on a single campus to cover the full health life cycle from Foetal Medicine to Medicine for the Elderly. This will allow the campus to attract the highest quality post graduate students nationally and internationally. The critical mass of the campus will be available to support the educational requirements of the adult, paediatric and maternity services. Each of the universities involved in clinical education will have coordinated access to the campus.



Ospidéal Ollscoile Choláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath.

University Hospital of Trinity College Dublin.

ST. JAMES'S HOSPITAL IS A SMOKE FREE CAMPUS.





## Research

St. James's campus already has extensive research infrastructure including the Institute for Molecular Medicine, National Centre for Advanced Medical Imaging, Wellcome Trust Clinical Research Facility and the Mercer's Institute for Successful Ageing.

All of this capacity together with the research facilities for the paediatric services will create a unique environment on the island for collaborative research across the whole life cycle. The development of a tri-location campus will, undoubtedly, attract further world class research on the campus. The bench to bedside model of research can be successful when scientists, scientist/clinicians and full time clinicians are sharing the same campus and jointly identifying opportunities for improvements in patient treatments, outcomes and care.

## Innovation

The combination of high quality service, education and research creates an environment which is rich with potential for innovation. This innovation will predominantly be service driven but will also include commercial opportunities. The development of a health service and science campus will encourage the creation of campus companies and the inward investment of major commercial organisations. The availability of access on one campus to the full life cycle and all the associated most complex clinical conditions will without doubt foster a culture of innovation and constant improvement of patient treatments, outcomes, and care.

For all the above reasons St James Hospital unreservedly supports the planning application for the Children's Hospital as it represents the opportunity to establish and develop a campus which meets the most acute needs of adult, children's and maternity services. With our large and well serviced site, our range of national specialities and our record of excellence in service, education, research and innovation St James is ideally placed to work with the Children's Hospital and Maternity Hospital to develop a world class health campus.

Yours sincerely



Lorcan Birthistle  
Chief Executive.

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31<sup>st</sup> July, 2015.

Dr. Jim Browne,  
Chairperson - Children's Hospital Group Board,  
Rialto Gate Lodge,  
St James's Campus,  
Dublin 8.

## Re: Planning Submission for the New Children's Hospital and Satellite Centres

Dear Jim,

On behalf of the Board, the management team and my colleagues at Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin (OLCHC), I am writing to confirm our full support of the application for the new children's hospital submitted by the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board to An Bord Pleanála.

The Board of Directors of OLCHC has long been on record as a staunch supporter of the decision to build the new children's hospital on a campus shared with St. James's Hospital and in time, we also look forward to sharing this campus with the redeveloped Coombe Maternity Hospital. This tri-location of the children's hospital with St. James's Hospital and a redeveloped Coombe Maternity Hospital will create opportunities to further develop the existing clinical, education and research synergies between the three hospitals in the delivery of service to the sickest children, adolescents and the high risk mothers. This opportunity, together with the integration of all paediatric services in Dublin under one roof, will positively impact on the care and clinical outcomes for children, adolescents and adults for many years to come.

The prioritisation placed on the importance of research and innovation by both our Board and that of St. James's Hospital also opens up significant opportunities for future collaboration on improving health outcomes across all ages in society.

As the largest provider of acute paediatric services, many on a national basis, we acknowledge that the extensive, robust & thorough professional consultation and engagement process over the past year, led by NPHDB and the Children's Hospital Group, has given our clinical leads and staff the opportunity to inform the design of the new buildings. We are proud of the resulting plans and believe that upon completion, the hospital and satellite centres will facilitate the delivery of the best possible care in modern and appropriate settings.

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**2/... Browne, J.**

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The submission of the planning application marks a significant milestone in this important project. The Board fully supports the planning application submitted and looks forward to seeing this project move forward to construction phase early in 2016. The reality of having a new children's hospital for children, young people and their families is getting closer.

Yours sincerely,

**Dr. Sean Walsh,  
INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE.**





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30 July 2015

**Re: Planning submission for the new children's hospital and satellite centres**

Dear Dr Browne / An Bord Pleanála,

On behalf of the Board, the management team and my colleagues at Temple Street Children's University Hospital, I am writing to give our full support for the application of the new children's hospital and satellite centres submitted by the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board to An Bord Pleanála. The design, informed by our team here at Temple Street – with other stakeholders – truly epitomises the ambition we all share of delivering a world class hospital for children, young people and their families.

The team at Temple Street have been long-committed supporters of the tri-location of paediatric, maternity and adult services. We believe that the decision to build the new children's hospital on a shared campus with St James's Hospital, and in the future, with the redeveloped Coombe Maternity Hospital is the optimal model of care for the sickest children and young people and high-risk mothers and is in line with international best practice.

The quality and level of care delivered by the team at Temple Street is well regarded, however, our facilities continue to pose a significant challenge for our service users and our staff in the delivery of contemporary healthcare. The design and scope of the new children's hospital and satellite centres, which incorporates the views and input of the team here at Temple Street will provide the best possible physical space, enabling us to provide the quality care for which we are known, within a quality environment and will mean all paediatric specialities for the first time will be under the one roof.

We look forward to working side by side with our colleagues from Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin and Tallaght Hospital. The level of integrated care that can be provided when everyone is located together will lead to enhanced clinical outcomes for children and young people – particularly those with complex conditions.

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We have welcomed the extensive process of engagement with both the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board and the Children's Hospital Group over the past year. The level of consultation means that there is a real sense of ownership of the design of this development. The plans are a source of pride and we are delighted that the project has reached this important milestone today. We fully support the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board application to An Bord Pleanála.

Yours sincerely,



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Date: July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015

National Paediatric Hospital Development Board  
Hospital 7 St. James's Hospital Campus  
Dublin 8

Re: Planning Application New National Children's Hospital

To Whom It May Concern

The Adelaide & Meath Hospital incorporating the National Children's Hospital (Tallaght Hospital) hereby give full consent to the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board in your role as Contracting Authority to apply for planning permission to construct a new Paediatric Satellite Centre on our hospital campus. We have reviewed the plans in detail and are entirely supportive of this development.

Yours Sincerely,

Ciaran Faughnan

Director of Facilities & Estates

Tallaght Hospital, Dublin 24





Mr Tom Costello  
Chair  
National Paediatric Hospital Development Board  
Project Office  
St James's Campus  
Dublin 8

30<sup>th</sup> July 2015

**Re: Submission of the planning application for the new children's hospital on the St James's campus**

Dear Mr Costello

I wish to express the full support of the Department of Health for the planning application being submitted by your Board for the new children's hospital project. The development of the new children's hospital is a national priority and is essential, in this Department's view, for Ireland's provision of children's healthcare to an international standard.

The Government committed to building the new children's hospital in its 2011 Programme for Government, and in *Better Outcomes Brighter Futures*<sup>1</sup>. The Government decision in 2012 that the hospital should be developed on the St James's campus recognised that co-location of the children's hospital with this major adult academic teaching hospital, which has the widest range of sub-specialities and the highest level of clinical complexity of all adult hospitals in the State, provides the best opportunity for improving clinical outcomes for children. As you are aware, in January 2014 the Minister advised Government of his decision that two satellite centres should be developed, on the campuses of Tallaght and Connolly hospitals, to improve access to secondary or less complex care for children from the Greater Dublin Area. The approval of the Project Brief in 2014, the development of the design for the hospital over the past year, and now the planning submission are important steps in delivering on the Government and Ministerial decisions.

The priority accorded to this project by Government is reflected in the Department's Statement of Strategy<sup>2</sup> for the period 2015-2017, which sets out the objectives of securing planning permission and commencing construction of the hospital. The Statement of Strategy also explicitly recognises the importance of placing the National Clinical Programmes at the centre of operational delivery and reform, in order to improve patient outcomes. The children's hospital will be at the centre of implementation of the new National Model of Care

<sup>1</sup> Better Outcomes Brighter Futures, The national policy framework for children and young people 2014-2020.

<sup>2</sup> Submitted to the Minister for Health under Section 5(1) of the Public Service Management Act, 1997

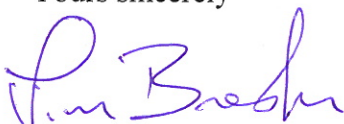
for paediatrics and neonatology. They are intertwined developments which together will help improve children's health nationally as well as regionally.

As you are aware, the Minister for Health advised Government last month of his decision that the Coombe Women and Infants Hospital University Hospital will in due course be re-located to the St James's campus. Building on the advantages of co-location, tri-location will facilitate the transfer of sick newborns into the children's hospital and the care of critically ill mothers from the maternity to the adult hospital. I welcome the fact that your Board has taken account as appropriate of the intent to develop a maternity hospital on the campus, supporting this development in the future.

I want to take this opportunity to commend your Board on the very high quality of the design for the new hospital, for the satellite centres and for the related developments, which has benefited from the extensive consultation with a wide variety of groups and stakeholders undertaken during the design process. The proposed design delivers on the ambition to build one of the finest children's hospitals in the world which – along with the satellite centres - will positively impact the lives of children for generations.

I know your Board, the executive team and design team have worked tirelessly to bring the project to this point, in the knowledge that this hospital is essential to support the provision of children's healthcare and improve child health. The submission of a planning application to An Bord Pleanála is a significant step forward and one that has the full support of this Department.

Yours sincerely



Jim Breslin  
Secretary General

28<sup>th</sup> July 2015

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Dear Sir,


I write to confirm our support for the application for planning permission for new children's hospital as part of the National Paediatric Hospital Project at St. James's Hospital Campus, James's Street, Dublin 8.

Throughout the design process to date, Irish Water has been consulted with in relation to the application for water connection and connection to the public drainage system. A lengthy and thorough evaluation has been completed including a Development Impact Assessment carried out by Atkins on behalf of Irish Water. Irish Water is satisfied that water and wastewater connections are feasible in respect of the proposed new children's hospital at St James's Hospital.

Dated:

28/7/2015

Signed:



Jerry Grant

Head of Asset Management  
For and on behalf of Irish Water



Mr. Donal Murnane  
Project Director  
National Paediatric Hospital Development Board  
Hospital 7  
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Dear Mr. Murnane

I write to confirm our support for the application for planning permission for the new children's hospital as part of the National Paediatric Hospital Project at St. James's Hospital Campus, James's Street, Dublin 8.

Throughout the design process to date the Rail Procurement Agency (RPA) has been consulted with in relation to the building design and the provision of a new entrance to the proposed children's hospital from the Rialto Luas stop. The proposed site is excellently served by the LUAS red line which has the capability to transport people from the inner city, Heuston Station, the Red Cow, Tallaght and Saggart to the proposed site. By the end of 2017 the Luas green line extension is due for completion. This will extend the green Luas line from St Stephens Green to Cabra and create an interchange with the Red Luas line. This will result in people travelling on the green Luas line, Cabra to Cherrywood and Brides Glen, having the ability to travel to the new children's hospital via Luas.

The RPA are satisfied with the design proposals presented to them and look forward to working with the NPHDB to further develop the design of surrounding environs of the Rialto Luas stop.

Signed:



Public Transport Advisor



Dr Jim Browne,  
Chair,  
Children's Hospital Group Board,  
Rialto Gate Lodge,  
St James's Campus,  
Dublin 8.

22.07.2015

Dear Jim,

I'm writing on behalf of the RCSI Hospitals Group to support the planning application to An Bord Pleanála for the new children's hospital on the campus at St James's Hospital and satellite centres at Connolly and Tallaght Hospitals.

This is an important development for the Children's Hospital Group and all Hospital Groups and is an exciting project which will change, for the better, the way we deliver children's health services in Ireland.

I see many benefits for the application from a healthcare services, education, research and innovation perspective.

From the RCSI Hospitals Group perspective there are also many benefits from the children's hospital satellite centre co-location with Connolly Hospital, with the provision of paediatric OPD and urgent care services to the children, young people and their families in the local population of North \ North West Dublin. Additionally the planned relocation of the Rotunda Maternity Hospital offers further advantages, providing a comprehensive range of services for the population we serve.

I wish you, your Board and the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board every success in the application and look forward to a successful conclusion and working with you and your team in delivering this project.

Yours Sincerely,

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cc: Eilish Hardiman, Chief Executive, Children's Hospital Group