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1. Economy - The impacts of a transport investment on economic growth and competitiveness.	Capital Expenditure (CAPEX): construction, land acquisition, temporary works.	This sub-criteria considered cost of construction, land cost and temporary works cost of each option. A high-level cost estimate was prepared for each option (including potential land acquisitions (permanent and temporary, zoned or un-zoned land). The lowest cost option was preferable to higher cost options.	<p>Construction Costs - Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options</p> <p>Potential interference with property rights - Commentary</p> <p>Generally there are no permanent works required outside of IE's property boundary up to the SCR (on the west). Although it is noted that the works are right up to the property boundary on the south (consistent with the existing situation). The main focus of permanent works is in respect of the public road tie ins (especially western side along Con Colbert Road) and the SCR junction roads themselves.</p> <p>Same extent of permanent works and potential interference with property rights as Option 7.</p> <p>There may be temporary interference of property rights during construction along the rail corridor and works to the roads however technical and construction related solutions will seek to minimise these. Construction requirements (including potential temporary interference of property rights) and methodologies will be presented at Public Consultation No. 2. .</p>	<p>Construction Costs - Significant Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options</p> <p>Potential interference with property rights- Commentary</p> <p>Similar permanent works to Option 2 but risk of permanent works affecting the end terrace at SCR to account for raised road levels.</p> <p>Same extent of permanent works and potential interference with property rights as Option 8.</p> <p>There may be temporary interference of property rights during construction along the rail corridor and works to the roads however technical and construction related solutions will seek to minimise these. Construction requirements (including potential temporary interference of property rights) and methodologies will be presented at Public Consultation No. 2.</p> <p>Similar temporary works to Option 2 but risk of permanent works / permanent land take affecting the end terrace at SCR in account for raised levels in road. Same temporary works / land take as Option 8.</p> <p>Possible compound and crane location at track level to the NW side of the bridge</p>	<p>Construction Costs - Significant Comparative Advantage over Other Options</p> <p>Option with the lowest cost, by a significant Potential interference with property rights - Commentary</p> <p>Generally there are no permanent works required in respect of increasing the track nos. outside of IE's property boundary up to the SCR (on the west). Although it is noted that the works are right up to the property boundary on the south (consistent with existing situation). The main focus of permanent works in respect of the public road tie ins (especially western side along Con Colbert Road) and the SCR junction roads themselves. There is Somely less permanent works within the junction itself - focused more on the south side.</p> <p>There may be temporary interference of property rights during construction along the rail corridor and works to the roads however technical and construction related solutions will seek to minimise these. Construction requirements (including potential temporary interference of property rights) and methodologies will be presented at Public Consultation No. 2.</p>	<p>Construction Costs - Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options</p> <p>Significantly more expensive than Option 6, Potential interference with property rights - Commentary</p> <p>Generally there are no permanent works required in respect of increasing the track nos. outside of IE's property boundary up to the SCR (on the west). Although it is noted that the works are right up to the property boundary on the south (consistent with existing situation). The main focus of permanent works is in respect of the public road tie ins (especially western side along Con Colbert Road) and the SCR junction roads themselves.</p> <p>Similar extent of permanent works and potential interference with property rights as Option 2.</p> <p>There may be temporary interference of property rights during construction along the rail corridor and works to the roads however technical and construction related solutions will seek to minimise these. 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	OPEX: maintenance costs, operational costs (IE or other entities), Technology advancement and future proofing / obsolescence	This sub-criteria considered long term maintenance costs. The option with less risk for long term maintenance issues (and hence cost) was preferable options with greater risk of long-term maintenance issues.	<p>Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options</p> <p>Bridge bearings replacement every 25-50 years and bridge joint maintenance costs.</p>	<p>Some Comparative Advantage over other Options</p> <p>Typical maintenance requirements.</p>	<p>Some Comparative Advantage over other Options</p> <p>Typical maintenance requirements.</p>	<p>Some Comparative Disadvantage over other Options</p> <p>Bridge bearings replacement every 25-50 years and bridge joint maintenance costs.</p>	<p>Some Comparative Advantage over other Options</p> <p>Typical maintenance requirements.</p>

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	Traffic functionality: Potential impacts for vehicular traffic and associated economic activities and opportunities.	The option with shorter traffic disruption/diversions was preferable to options with longer disruption/diversions.	Significant Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options  As this option does not allow for phased construction (requiring the removal of the entire bridge) it would result in significant disruption and diversions. This would have significant potential impact locally in terms of the uses immediately around the junction, business in the area (in particular Inchicore) but also strategically in the context of the wider transport network. Same as option 7.	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options  As this option allows for phased construction and while disruption and diversions will still have significant potential impact locally in terms of the uses immediately around the junction, business in the area (in particular Inchicore), strategically in the context of the wider transport network access can still be maintained as part of a construction management plan. Similar to Option 8.	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options  This option allows for phased construction in localised small areas where piling can be done on both sides, then the deck is built on top and the area is filled and pavement reinstated. This allows traffic to continue throughout construction with local diversions. The Some advantage over Options 4 and 8 is due to the fact that this stage (surface construction of piled wall and slab) can be of less duration than the two main phases of Options 4 and 8.	Significant Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options  As this option does not allow for phased construction (requiring the removal of the entire bridge) it would result in significant disruption and diversions. This would have significant potential impact locally in terms of the uses immediately around the junction, business in the area (in particular Inchicore) but also strategically in the context of the wider transport network. Same as option 2.	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options  As this option allows for phased construction and while disruption and diversions will still have significant potential impact locally in terms of the uses immediately around the junction, business in the area (in particular Inchicore), strategically in the context of the wider transport network access can still be maintained as part of a construction management plan. Similar to Option 4.	
	Urban regeneration	The option with greater potential to contribute to future urban regeneration was preferable.	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral
	Summary Evaluation		Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options	Significant Comparative Advantage over Other Options	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options	Significant Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options	

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2. Integration - Integration considers the extent to which the options being evaluated promotes integration with other transportation networks and infrastructure and is compatible with Government policies, including national spatial and local planning policy	Transport integration	The option which maximises integration with other existing and proposed transportation networks, infrastructure and services was preferable to other options.	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral  Current situation to be reinstated after construction therefore no Operation changes to transportation integration.	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral  Current situation to be reinstated after construction therefore no Operation changes to transportation integration.	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral  Current situation to be reinstated after construction therefore no Operation changes to transportation integration.	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral  Current situation to be reinstated after construction therefore no Operation changes to transportation integration.	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral  Current situation to be reinstated after construction therefore no Operation changes to transportation integration.
	Land use integration	The option with greater consistency and compliance with planning policy was preferable to others.	Comparable to Other Options  All options are supported by the national and regional planning policy context. •NPF: National Strategic Outcome - NSO1, NSO4 and NSO8 •EMRA RSES / MASP: Policy Objective RPO8.8 (Table 8.2); Sustainable Transport Objective RPO5.  At local level, the Dublin City Development Plan 2016 -2022 supports the development of the DART + Programme project under Objective MT4, MT3, MT6(i) and MT05. It also facilitates BusConnects.	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral  All options are supported by the national and regional planning policy context. •NPF: National Strategic Outcome - NSO1, NSO4 and NSO8 •EMRA RSES / MASP: Policy Objective RPO8.8 (Table 8.2); Sustainable Transport Objective RPO5.  At local level, the Dublin City Development Plan 2016 -2022 supports the development of the DART + Programme project under Objective MT4, MT3, MT6(i) and MT05. It also facilitates BusConnects.	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral  All options are supported by the national and regional planning policy context. •NPF: National Strategic Outcome - NSO1, NSO4 and NSO8 •EMRA RSES / MASP: Policy Objective RPO8.8 (Table 8.2); Sustainable Transport Objective RPO5.  At local level, the Dublin City Development Plan 2016 -2022 supports the development of the DART + Programme project under Objective MT4, MT3, MT6(i) and MT05. It also facilitates BusConnects.	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral  All options are supported by the national and regional planning policy context. •NPF: National Strategic Outcome - NSO1, NSO4 and NSO8 •EMRA RSES / MASP: Policy Objective RPO8.8 (Table 8.2); Sustainable Transport Objective RPO5.  At local level, the Dublin City Development Plan 2016 -2022 supports the development of the DART + Programme project under Objective MT4, MT3, MT6(i) and MT05. It also facilitates BusConnects.	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral  All options are supported by the national and regional planning policy context. •NPF: National Strategic Outcome - NSO1, NSO4 and NSO8 •EMRA RSES / MASP: Policy Objective RPO8.8 (Table 8.2); Sustainable Transport Objective RPO5.  At local level, the Dublin City Development Plan 2016 -2022 supports the development of the DART + Programme project under Objective MT4, MT3, MT6(i) and MT05. It also facilitates BusConnects.
	Geographical Integration	The option which minimises disruption and accessibility during construction was preferable.	Significant Disadvantage compared to Other Options  As this option does not allow for phased construction (requiring the removal of the entire bridge) it would result in significant disruption and diversions. This would have significant potential impact locally in terms of the users immediately around the junction, business in the area (in particular Kilmainham) but also strategically in the context of the wider transport network. Same as option 7.	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options  As this option allows for phased construction and while disruption and diversions will still have significant potential impact locally in terms of the users immediately around the junction, business in the area (in particular Inchicore), strategically in the context of the wider transport network access can still be maintained as part of a construction management plan. Similar to Option 8.	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options  This option allows for phased construction in localised small areas where piling can be done on both sides and filled over local. At a later date opened up and precast deck slabs could be set on top with the area reinstated. This allows traffic to continue throughout construction with more localised diversions. The Some advantage over Options 4 and 8 is due to potentially shorter duration of construction impact on road users.	Significant Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options  As this option does not allow for phased construction (requiring the removal of the entire bridge) it would result in significant disruption and diversions. This would have significant potential impact locally in terms of the users immediately around the junction, business in the area (in particular Inchicore) but also strategically in the context of the wider transport network. Similar to option 2 with minor additional road works just west of bridge.	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options  As this option allows for phased construction and while disruption and diversions will still have significant potential impact locally in terms of the users immediately around the junction, business in the area (in particular Inchicore), strategically in the context of the wider transport network access can still be maintained as part of a construction management plan. Similar to option 4 with minor additional road works just west of bridge.

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	Adaptability in the future (robustness in the solution)	The option with greater adaptability for the future was preferable to others.	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options Options 2, 4, 7 & 8 provide over widened structures that have the potential to enhance the junction geometry to the benefit of vulnerable as well as vehicular users, also provides space for future utility diversions or new installations.	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options Options 2, 4, 7 & 8 provide over widened structures that have the potential to enhance the junction geometry to the benefit of vulnerable as well as vehicular users, also provides space for future utility diversions or new installations.	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options Would require additional track lowering for electrification of fast tracks in future under the existing structure. Over widened end extension would allow for additional space for utility diversions but not the same level of flexibility for road users as the other options.	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options Options 2, 4, 7 & 8 provide over widened structures that have the potential to enhance the junction geometry to the benefit of vulnerable as well as vehicular users, also provides space for future utility diversions or new installations.	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options Options 2, 4, 7 & 8 provide over widened structures that have the potential to enhance the junction geometry to the benefit of vulnerable as well as vehicular users, also provides space for future utility diversions or new installations.
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	Air quality and Climate		Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options  General construction and operation phase impacts in terms of air quality are largely similar for all options. The construction traffic impact for Option 2 (and 7) has potentially greater impact compared to Option 6 and in this regard, Option 2 is a Some comparative disadvantage compared to Option 6. Option 2 (and 7) would also be Somely worse in terms of construction traffic compared to options 4 and 8.	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options  General construction and operation phase impacts in terms of air quality are largely similar for all options. Construction traffic for Option 4 (and 8) will be greater compared to Option 6 but would be Somely more advantageous compared to options 2 or 7. This relates to the level of traffic diversions and disruption in and around the junction in order to construct the options. Option 4 (and 8) will require some traffic disruption and would have more potential for air emissions compared to Option 6 but not as much compared to Options 2 and 7.	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options  General construction and operation phase impacts in terms of air quality are largely similar for all options, however there is a reduced construction traffic impact with Option 6 giving it a Some comparative advantage over other options. Construction can be achieved with out as many traffic diversions and disruptions around the junction and with a reduced disruption period, reducing potential for traffic stacking through the junction and therefore reducing the potential for air emissions compared to the other options	Some Comparative Disadvantage cover Other Options  General construction and operation phase impacts in terms of air quality are largely similar for all options. The construction traffic impact for Option 7 (and 2) has potentially greater impact compared to Option 6 and in this regard, Option 7 is a Some comparative disadvantage compared to Option 6. Option 7 (and 2) would also be Somely worse in terms of construction traffic compared to options 4 and 8.	Some Comparative Disadvantage Other Options.  General construction and operation phase impacts in terms of air quality are largely similar for all options. Construction traffic for Option 8 (and 4) will be greater compared to Option 6 but would be Somely more advantageous compared to options 2 or 7. This relates to the level of traffic diversions and disruption in and around the junction in order to construct the options. Option 8 (and 4) will require some traffic disruption and would have more potential for air emissions compared to Option 6 but not as much compared to Options 2 and 7.

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	Biodiversity (flora and fauna)		<p>Comparable to Other Options / Neutral</p> <p>Areas of rough grasslands, scrub and trees will be directly impacted as with all options. Also potential to effect habitat suitable for bird nesting and / or bat roosting.</p>	<p>Comparable to Other Options / Neutral</p> <p>Areas of rough grasslands, scrub and trees will be directly impacted as with all options. Also potential to effect habitat suitable for bird nesting and / or bat roosting.</p>	<p>Comparable to Other Options / Neutral</p> <p>Areas of rough grasslands, scrub and trees will be directly impacted as with all options. Also potential to effect habitat suitable for bird nesting and / or bat roosting.</p>	<p>Comparable to Other Options / Neutral</p> <p>Areas of rough grasslands, scrub and trees will be directly impacted as with all options. Also potential to effect habitat suitable for bird nesting and / or bat roosting.</p>	<p>Comparable to Other Options / Neutral</p> <p>Areas of rough grasslands, scrub and trees will be directly impacted as with all options. Also potential to effect habitat suitable for bird nesting and / or bat roosting.</p>

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	Water resources		Comparably smaller bridge so change to visual setting for RHK and terrace of houses on the corner of SCR and St. John's Road West will be less compared to Option 4 and 8 .	Comparatively bigger, bulkier structure than Options 2 and 7, potentially altering the visual setting of the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham to a larger degree than other options. Option 4 (and 8) will have a direct impact on the terrace of NIAH structures that stand to the south, on the corner of SCR and St. John's Road West.	The cut and cover option is more remote from key designated landscapes such as the War Memorial Gardens and the Royal Hospital Kilmainham compared to the other options. The existing OBC1A stays in place which reduces the degree of visual change experienced in the existing landscape.	Comparatively smaller bridge so change to visual setting for RHK and terrace of houses on the corner of SCR and St. John's Road West will be less compared to Option 4 and 8 .	Comparatively bigger, bulkier structure than Options 2 and 7, potentially altering the visual setting of the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham to a larger degree than other options. Option 4 (and 8) will direct impact on the terrace of NIAH structures that stand to the south, on the corner of SCR and St. John's Road West.
			Comparable to Other Options / Neutral  Option will likely have a neutral/negligible impact on flood risk during operation - Water quality risk during construction phase as runoff pollutants may enter the receiving waterbodies, site runoff management will be required - Works will alter the existing drainage regime and increase risk of pluvial flooding to the site itself	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral  Option will likely have a neutral/negligible impact on flood risk during operation - Water quality risk during construction phase as runoff pollutants may enter the receiving waterbodies, site runoff management will be required - Works will alter the existing drainage regime and increase risk of pluvial flooding to the site itself	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral  Option will likely have a neutral/negligible impact on flood risk during operation - Water quality risk during construction phase as runoff pollutants may enter the receiving waterbodies, site runoff management will be required - Works will alter the existing drainage regime and increase risk of pluvial flooding to the site itself	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral  Option will likely have a neutral/negligible impact on flood risk during operation - Water quality risk during construction phase as runoff pollutants may enter the receiving waterbodies, site runoff management will be required - Works will alter the existing drainage regime and increase risk of pluvial flooding to the site itself	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral  Option will likely have a neutral/negligible impact on flood risk during operation - Water quality risk during construction phase as runoff pollutants may enter the receiving waterbodies, site runoff management will be required - Works will alter the existing drainage regime and increase risk of pluvial flooding to the site itself

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3. Environment - considers impacts, such as emissions to air, noise, and ecological and architectural impacts.	Agricultural and non-agricultural	The Option which minimises potential impact on the environmental factor under consideration was preferable to other options.	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options  Some comparative disadvantage due to larger area affected and the estimated number of properties affected. While better than option 4 and 8 not materially so.	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options  Some comparative disadvantage due to larger area affected and the estimated number of properties affected. While worse than options 2 and 7 not materially so.	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options  Some comparative advantage due to smaller area affected and number of properties affected.	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options  Some comparative disadvantage due to larger area affected and the estimated number of properties affected. While better than option 4 and 8 not materially so.	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options  Some comparative disadvantage due to larger area affected and the estimated number of properties affected. While worse than options 2 and 7 not materially so.
	Geology and soils (include waste)		Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options  Soil excavation required for construction of abutment foundations (estimated 156m total length, each side). Overall volume of material to be managed either through reuse or disposal less than for Option 6	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options  Soil excavation required for construction of abutment foundations (estimated 156m total length, each side). Overall volume of material to be managed either through reuse or disposal less than for Option 6.	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options  Soil excavation required for construction of new cut-and-cover Buried Portal (86m width, 10m length, 5.5m height approx.). Overall more volume of material to be managed either through reuse or disposal.	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options  Soil excavation required for construction of abutment foundations (estimated 119m total length, each side). Overall volume of material to be managed either through reuse or disposal less than for Option 6.	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options  Soil excavation required for construction of abutment foundations (estimated 156m total length, each side). Overall volume of material to be managed either through reuse or disposal less than for Option 6.
	Summary Evaluation		Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options
4. Accessibility and Social Inclusion - considers social deprivation, geographic isolation and mobility and sensory deprivation	Impact on Vulnerable Groups / Local Residents	The option which provides a higher degree of accessibility and safety for vulnerable groups was preferable.	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral
	Accessibility (stations)	The option which provided the best accessibility to the station was preferable.	Comparable to the Other Options / Neutral  This criteria is not relevant to this area	Comparable to the Other Options / Neutral  This criteria is not relevant to this area	Comparable to the Other Options / Neutral  This criteria is not relevant to this area	Comparable to the Other Options / Neutral  This criteria is not relevant to this area	Comparable to the Other Options / Neutral  This criteria is not relevant to this area
	Accessibility (bridge)	The option which minimised severance across bridges was preferable.	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options  During the Operational Phase Options 2, 4, 7 & 8 provide over widened structures that have the potential to enhance the junction geometry to the benefit of vulnerable as well as vehicular users.	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options  During the Operational Phase Options 2, 4, 7 & 8 provide over widened structures that have the potential to enhance the junction geometry to the benefit of vulnerable as well as vehicular users.	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options  During the Operational Phase the over widened end extension would allow for additional space, but not the same level of flexibility for road users as the other options.	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options  During the Operational Phase Options 2, 4, 7 & 8 provide over widened structures that have the potential to enhance the junction geometry to the benefit of vulnerable as well as vehicular users.	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options  During the Operational Phase Options 2, 4, 7 & 8 provide over widened structures that have the potential to enhance the junction geometry to the benefit of vulnerable as well as vehicular users.
	Social inclusion	The option which provided a higher degree of accessibility and connectivity for vulnerable groups was preferable.	Comparable to the Other Options / Neutral  This criteria is not relevant to this area	Comparable to the Other Options / Neutral  This criteria is not relevant to this area	Comparable to the Other Options / Neutral  This criteria is not relevant to this area	Comparable to the Other Options / Neutral  This criteria is not relevant to this area	Comparable to the Other Options / Neutral  This criteria is not relevant to this area
	Summary Evaluation	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options	



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5. Safety - Safety is concerned with the impact of the investment on the number of transport related accidents.	Rail Safety	The option which provided the best rail safety solution was preferable.	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options  Greatest track lowering, leading to steeper gradients for track including P&C location. Track lowering also impacts neighbouring third party plots with the requirement of underpinning of retaining walls and abutments to the South with increased risk to 3rd Party Plots. No central pier is present as a structure of collision. Positions of safety for staff are introduced.	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options  Greatest track lowering, leading to steeper gradients for track including P&C location. Track lowering also impacts neighbouring third party plots with the requirement of underpinning of retaining walls and abutments to the South with increased risk to 3rd Party Plots. No central pier is present reducing the risk of potential collision. Positions of safety for staff are introduced.	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options  No track lowering under existing Southern lines through existing structure however central pier to be considered for derailment risk. The line in the new cut & cover buried portal is steeper than all other options however no P&C is featured for this section of line. Positions of safety for staff are introduced.	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options  Similar to Option 2 but 200mm less track lowering resulting in lesser impact to gradients. No central pier is present, reducing risk of potential collision. Positions of safety for staff are introduced.	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options  Similar to Option 4 but 200mm less track lowering resulting in lesser impact to gradients. No central pier is present reducing risk of potential collision. Positions of safety for staff are introduced.
	Vehicular Traffic Safety	The option which provides the best vehicular safety solution was preferable.	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral  The reinstatement would be to the horizontal geometric layout at time of construction; whether that would be the current layout or one that Bus Connects may have implemented in the interim.	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral  The reinstatement would be to the horizontal geometric layout at time of construction; whether that would be the current layout or one that Bus Connects may have implemented in the interim.	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral  The reinstatement would be to the horizontal geometric layout at time of construction; whether that would be the current layout or one that Bus Connects may have implemented in the interim.	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral  The reinstatement would be to the horizontal geometric layout at time of construction; whether that would be the current layout or one that Bus Connects may have implemented in the interim.	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral  The reinstatement would be to the horizontal geometric layout at time of construction; whether that would be the current layout or one that Bus Connects may have implemented in the interim.
	Pedestrians, cyclists, road users and neighbours safety	The option which provides the best safety solution for different road users was preferable.	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options  During the operational phase there is comparably no difference between the options primarily because it is proposed to reinstate the area with the same horizontal geometric elements existing at the time of going to construction.  However during the construction stage this option, along with Option 7 is significantly disadvantaged to options 4, 6 & 8 as there is no possibility to phase the construction and/or provide sufficient space to accommodate vulnerable road users.	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options  During the operational phase there is comparably no difference between the options primarily because it is proposed to reinstate the area with the same horizontal geometric elements existing at the time of going to construction.  However during the construction stage this option, along with Option 8 are significantly better than options 2 & 7 as there is the possibility to phase the construction and/or provide sufficient space to accommodate vulnerable road users. However not quite as much adaptability to improve the safety as Option 6.	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options  During the operational phase there is comparably no difference between the options primarily because it is proposed to reinstate the area with the same horizontal geometric elements existing at the time of going to construction.  However during the construction stage this option provides a Somely better level of adaptability to the benefit of vulnerable users safety in comparison to Options 4 & 8 however it has significant benefits over Options 2 & 7.	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options  During the operational phase there is comparably no difference between the options primarily because it is proposed to reinstate the area with the same horizontal geometric elements existing at the time of going to construction.  However during the construction stage this option, along with Option 2 is significantly disadvantaged compared to options 4, 6 & 8 as there is no possibility to phase the construction and/or provide sufficient space to accommodate vulnerable road users.	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options  During the operational phase there is comparably no difference between the options primarily because it is proposed to reinstate the area with the same horizontal geometric elements existing at the time of going to construction.  However during the construction stage this option, along with Option 4 are significantly better than options 2 & 7 as there the possibility to phase the construction and/or provide sufficient space to accommodate vulnerable road users. However not quite as much adaptability to improve the safety as Option 6.
	Summary Evaluation		Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options

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6. Physical Activity - (where applicable) This relates to the health benefits derived from using different transport modes	Connectivity to adjoining cycle facilities	The option that provided better connectivity between trip generators (green areas / key attractions) and that promoted physical activity was preferable.	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral The reinstatement would be to the horizontal geometric layout at time of construction; whether that would be the current layout or one that Bus Connects may have implemented in the interim.	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral The reinstatement would be to the horizontal geometric layout at time of construction; whether that would be the current layout or one that Bus Connects may have implemented in the interim.	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral The reinstatement would be to the horizontal geometric layout at time of construction; whether that would be the current layout or one that Bus Connects may have implemented in the interim.	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral The reinstatement would be to the horizontal geometric layout at time of construction; whether that would be the current layout or one that Bus Connects may have implemented in the interim.	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral The reinstatement would be to the horizontal geometric layout at time of construction; whether that would be the current layout or one that Bus Connects may have implemented in the interim.
	Permeability and local connectivity	The option that provided better connectivity between trip generators and that promoted physical activity was preferable.	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral The reinstatement would be to the horizontal geometric layout at time of construction; whether that would be the current layout or one that Bus Connects may have implemented in the interim.	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral The reinstatement would be to the horizontal geometric layout at time of construction; whether that would be the current layout or one that Bus Connects may have implemented in the interim.	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral The reinstatement would be to the horizontal geometric layout at time of construction; whether that would be the current layout or one that Bus Connects may have implemented in the interim.	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral The reinstatement would be to the horizontal geometric layout at time of construction; whether that would be the current layout or one that Bus Connects may have implemented in the interim.	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral The reinstatement would be to the horizontal geometric layout at time of construction; whether that would be the current layout or one that Bus Connects may have implemented in the interim.
	Summary Evaluation		Comparable to Other Options / Neutral	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral

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CAF Parameters	Option 2	Option 4	Option 6	Option 7	Option 8
1. Economy	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options	Significant Comparative Advantage over Other Options	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options	Significant Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options
2. Integration	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options
3. Environment	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options
4. Accessibility and Social Inclusion	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options
5. Safety	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options	Some Comparative Disadvantage over Other Options	Some Comparative Advantage over Other Options
6. Physical Activity	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral	Comparable to Other Options / Neutral

Conclusion			Preferred Option		
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**Comparison Criteria Legend**

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