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**BUS INTERCHANGE SUBCOMMITTEE
2 NOVEMBER 1999**

**A meeting of the Bus Interchange Subcommittee
was held on Tuesday 2 November 1999 at 12.30pm**

- PRESENT:** Councillor Denis O'Rourke (Chairman),
Councillors Sally Buck, David Close (from 12.50pm),
Ian Howell and Gail Sheriff.
- APOLOGIES:** An apology for lateness was received and accepted
from Councillor David Close.

The Subcommittee reports that:

PART A - MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

1. BUS INTERCHANGE AND RELATED PROJECTS

RR 8275

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Corporate Plan Output: City Streets 9.5.75, 9.5.99 - Passenger Transport Infrastructure	

The purpose of this report is to submit the recommendations of the Subcommittee appointed by the Council to consider further a proposal to construct a third level car park on the bus interchange.

INTRODUCTION

The Council on 28 October 1999 was presented with a proposal that a third level of car parking be provided on the bus interchange. As various sub-projects were under way the contractor had sought a decision of the Council on this issue by 15 November 1999. The above Subcommittee was appointed to investigate the proposal further and to report back to a special meeting of the Council prior to 15 November 1999.

THE INTERCHANGE/PARKING NEEDS

The Principal Policy Analyst, Dave Hinman, and Property Projects Manager, Angus Smith, submitted a report to the Subcommittee noting that the two levels of car parking currently provided in the development gives approximately 200 car parks. The additional level would provide approximately 100 car parks.

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The cost as part of the current development programme would be \$1.9 million or if constructed at a future date the cost would increase to \$2.65 million due to the structure of the foundation and access limitations to the site. The additional cost per park of the proposed third floor would be \$19,000 per park. It was noted that there are cheaper alternatives in the immediate locality for development of parking should demand increase. Taking these costs into account the development of a third floor level at the bus interchange site would be dependent upon redevelopment of the Tuam Street car park. Two hundred and seventy car parks would be lost at the Tuam Street site if this site is utilised for other purposes. A number of opportunities for development of the Tuam Street site had been explored in the past and have not been proceeded with. Tuam Street provides a service for visitors to the Civic Offices and although there is not a constant annual demand for the parks in Tuam Street there is a peak time demand in wet weather.

Subcommittee members on taking all matters into account were concerned that making a decision on the third level parking at the Lichfield Street bus interchange site may be to the detriment of considered decisions on other options for development particularly at the Tuam Street car park. The option of providing a third floor at the Lichfield Street site would always be an option albeit at a higher cost that this opportunity provides.

There was unanimous support of a motion not to proceed further with the project and in view of this the Subcommittee requested that a memorandum be forwarded to all Councillors inviting any Councillor who had reservations about the proposed recommendation and seek to have the matter referred to a special meeting of the Council before 15 November to contact the Council Secretary before 4.00pm on Friday 5 November. There were no requests for this meeting.

Recommendation: That in view of the high cost of the additional level of parking at the Lichfield Street bus interchange the Council not proceed further with this project.

The meeting concluded at 1.50pm

CONSIDERED THIS 25TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 1999

MAYOR