

Option A (two tracks along Outer Ring Road – Ballyowen Road)

The tracks will run off road along the eastern side of the Outer Ring Road (ORR) all the way and will then turn into the south eastern quadrant of the junction with Ballyowen Road.

Close to the Castle Road junction it will be necessary to reconfigure the ORR by shifting the existing road layout westwards at the expense of the green area adjacent to the Fforster Estate. Bus lanes will be removed in both directions along the ORR; all other lanes will be maintained.

The tracks will then turn eastwards into the green space adjacent to Larkfield. This section along the Ballyowen Road is a pinch point and it will therefore be necessary to acquire two houses in Larkfield (No.2 Larkfield Way and No.10 Larkfield Green) and part of a garden at No. 17 Ballyowen Park (on the north side of the road). This is unavoidable and to make good use of the space we propose to locate the Larkfield Stop where the two houses are.

From there the tracks will continue offroad eastwards to reach Ballyowen Park Stop.

In this option it will be necessary to replace the roundabout at the top of Ballyowen Lane with a signalled controlled junction and also to realign northwards Ballyowen Road at the expense of part of the car park used by Esker Celtic, and of Hermitage Park.

No property acquisition is envisaged along the ORR.