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**New Bus Eireann Navan - DCU route needs coordination with local bus services
- Kennedy**

North Dublin Deputy urges Bus Eireann to liaise with Dublin Bus over local connection options

FOLLOWING THE introduction of a new Navan – Airport – DCU route from Bus Eireann, Dublin North Deputy Michael Kennedy (FF) has called on Bus Eireann to consult with Dublin Bus over what routes the new service could link with, once up and running.

Deputy Kennedy said: “I was delighted to hear of a new 109A service being introduced by Bus Eireann - operating from Navan to DCU via the Airport - as it will contribute greatly to the commute of students from the North Dublin/Meath boarder area especially those living in and round the Ashbourne and Rathoath regions.”

“This is an ideal opportunity for Dublin Bus to examine its own services in North Dublin - perhaps with a view to linking up with this new Bus Eireann service and others – allowing passengers living along the route to tap into connecting bus routes.”

“One examples is the new 102/230 amalgamated bus route, which travels through the airport. If its timetable of both were coordinated, passengers travelling from Navan could change at the Airport and travel on to Portmarnock, Malahide and Sutton and vice versa.”

“DCU students from the Malahide and Portmarnock area, who have no current route to DCU, could also access the 109A service at Dublin Airport, after using the 102/230 route.”

“I am calling on both Dublin Bus and Bus Eireann to employ some joined-up-thinking and link all their routes travelling in and around the same regions to provide the best overall service to customers,” concluded Deputy Kennedy.