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Dear John.

The NTA's [BusConnects Dublin - Ringsend to City Centre](#) plan (which has been passed by ABP) proposes to remove the two Scherzer Lifting Bridges on Dublin's north quays to widen the road and improve traffic flow. IWAI missed the deadline for submissions in relation to this but had we been in time we would have made a submission to have the two bridges replaced with lifting sections of road. These two bridges raised the road to give access to Spencer Dock and George's Dock.

Spencer Dock is currently only accessible when the tide is low and vessels can pass beneath the road into the Dock. George's Dock could similarly operate still, if it were to become a marina and liveaboard community.

Finally, the NTA scheme proposes to remove the Scherzer bridges and position them in a park somewhere, as follies. It occurs to me that this is a poor end to these amazing waterways structures which could still be serviceable.

With that in mind, would Waterways Ireland consider proposing more fitting solutions to the relocation of the bridges? One of these bridges could have a very short move and be utilised as a permanent and appropriate lifting bridge at the site of the Newcomen Rail Lifting Bridge. It would resolve the access issue for both WI and Iarnród Éireann, and potentially be paid for by this NTA project.

Kind Regards
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