



An  
Bord  
Pleanála

Record of Meeting  
ABP-308826-20 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting

|                                     |   |            |            |
|-------------------------------------|---|------------|------------|
| Case Reference / Description        | DART+ South West, involving railway improvement works from the environs of Hazelhatch Station to the environs of Heuston Station; and the environs of Heuston Station to the environs of Glasnevin/Phibsborough |            |            |
| Case Type                           | Pre-application consultation  |            |            |
| 1st / 2nd / 3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting | 7 <sup>th</sup>   |            |            |
| Date                                | 01/03/2022  | Start Time | 11.00 a.m. |
| Location                            | N/A   | End Time   | 12.20 p.m. |

|  |
|--|
| Representing An Bord Pleanála  |
| Staff Members  |
| Ciara Kellett, Assistant Director of Planning (Chair)                |
| Karla McBride, Senior Planning Inspector                             |
| Jennifer Sherry, Executive Officer                                   |
| Representing the Prospective Applicant                               |
| Colm Reynolds, Programme Director (DART+ Programme), Iarnród Éireann |
| Rita Monaghan, CIE Solicitor, Iarnród Éireann                        |
| Arthur Avkhadiyev, (DART+ South West), Iarnród Éireann               |

|   |
|---|
| Mark Conroy, EIA and Railway Order Manager, Iarnród Éireann |
| Gessica Silva, Project Manager, Iarnród Éireann             |
| Colm Shevlin, Project Manager, RPS Group                    |
| Leah Kenny, Railway Order Lead, RPS Group                   |
| Antonia Gaughran, Environmental Lead, RPS Group             |
| Caitríona Reilly, EIAR Lead, RPS Group                      |
| Miles Newman, Ecologist, RPS Group                          |

## Introduction

The Board referred to its previous meeting with the prospective applicant and the record of this meeting. The Board enquired if the prospective applicant had any comments it wished to submit on the record of this meeting. The prospective applicant advised it had no comments to make.

## Presentation

The prospective applicant in its presentation to the Board addressed the following topics:

- **Cultural Heritage – Archaeology** - the prospective applicant advised the study area for archaeological cultural heritage being considered for the proposed development is 250m either side of the railway corridor. It has been identified there are two zones of architectural potential (ZAP) for Dublin City (DU018-020) and Deer Park (DU018-007001) in the Phoenix Park. The prospective applicant gave an overview of 22 recorded archaeological sites. The stretch of railway from Inchicore eastward to Heuston Station was highlighted as having significant potential to reveal archaeological heritage which will require monitoring and testing.
- **Cultural Heritage – Architectural Heritage** – a desk top appraisal was carried out by the prospective applicant in terms of architectural heritage for the proposed

development with a study area of 50m, 100m, 200m and 300m. The prospective applicant set out the legislative and strategic context of how architectural heritage is assessed. The potential direct physical impacts were also discussed with a focus on every built structure within a 50m zone from the centre line. A list of assets in tabular form were provided. The prospective applicant discussed the architectural heritage for bridges and structures along the route with the preferred option set out.

- **Appropriate Assessment and Biodiversity – Update** – in regard to Appropriate Assessment the prospective applicant advised a stage 1 screening for Appropriate Assessment and stage 2 Natura Impact Statement are being prepared with a 15km zone of influence addressing the European Sites within that zone. All surface water and ground water pathways including watercourses are being considered. Detailed biodiversity surveys have been undertaken and are ongoing for habitats, flora and invasive alien plant species. The prospective applicant advised there is a significant amount of Japanese Knotweed in proximity to Heuston Station. The prospective applicant has carried out detailed Bat Surveys which are ongoing for evidence of roosting and bat activity. Furthermore, other survey work is ongoing for badgers, otters, aquatic ecology and breeding birds.
- **Stakeholder Engagement** – the prospective applicant advised that PC2 has not resulted in any substantive change in the scope of the project. Discussions are ongoing with property owners who will be potentially impacted by the proposed works and all reasonable efforts are being made to make contact with the property owners.

## **Discussion**

The following matters were discussed as part of the meeting:

- The Board's representatives noted the ongoing survey for badgers and stated there is a badger set close to the railway track at the Grand Canal.



- The Board's representatives sought clarification on how the DART+ South West interacts with DART+ West and DART+ North. The prospective applicant advised as Glasnevin Station is part of the proposed development at Metrolink commuters travelling on the DART+ South West line can only depart at Glasnevin Station once Metrolink has received planning permission and is operational.
- Following the Board's representatives query in relation to the standalone nature of each DART + project, the prospective applicant stated that the new depot included in DART+ West will house the new fleet for the DART projects. The Board's representatives advised that clarity with respect to this will be required in each application.
- The prospective applicant advised it may need two more pre-application consultation meetings and it is expected to lodge the Railway Order in Q3 2022.

## Conclusion

The record of the meeting will issue to the prospective applicant, and it will then be a matter for the prospective applicant to submit any comments on this if it wishes to do so or at the time of a further meeting.

 23/3/22

Ciara Kellett

Assistant Director of Planning