

Córas lompair Éireann

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Date: 18th May 2021

Dr. Pat Daly, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Limerick City and County Council,

Head Office,

Merchants Quay,

Limerick

<u>RE:</u> Application for Railway Order – Dublin to Cork Railway Line (Elimination & Upgrade of Level Crossings between Limerick Junction and Mallow) Order 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

Coras Iompair Éireann (CIÉ), in exercise of its powers conferred upon it by section 37 of the Transport (Railway Infrastructure) Act 2001 (as amended and substituted) will apply on or after 14th May 2021 to An Bord Pleanála for a Railway Order pursuant to the provisions of the said Act.

The Railway Order, if granted, will authorise CIÉ to carry out railway works and all works necessary to enable CIÉ to eliminate and, where necessary, upgrade seven numbered level crossings and carry out all associated and ancillary works along a 24 kilometre section of the Dublin to Cork Railway Line.

In accordance with section 40(1)(a) of the act and the direction of An Bord Pleanála made under that sub section. I now enclose 5 hard copies of the following along with 2 electronic copies containing the identical materials:

- A copy of the newspaper notices relating to the application;
- A draft of the proposed Railway Order with associated Schedules including a Book of Reference (indicating the identity of the owners and occupiers of the lands described in the plans) and plans of the proposed works;
- A copy of the statement of the likely effects on the environment (an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) Volumes 1-5 which includes a Natura Impact Statement (NIS));
- A copy of the Planning Compliance Report; and
- A copy of the An Bord Pleanála Pre-Application Consultation File.

ClÉ requests that at least one copy of these documents be kept deposited at the Council Planning Department in a manner that is easily accessible to the public for inspection, from no later than the 28th May 2021 until at least the 9th July 2021 (a duration of not less than 6 weeks is required for consultation) during your usual office or opening hours.

An Bord Pleanála will consider any submissions in relation to the proposed Railway Order or in relation to the likely effects on the environment and the likely significant effects in the area concerned on European Sites, if any, of the proposed railway works which are submitted in writing to it by any person and accompanied by a fee of €50 (this fee is not payable by certain prescribed bodies or by persons

whose lands may be acquired under the order). Submissions must be lodged no later than 5.30pm on the 9th July 2021 and must be addressed to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 and marked "Dublin to Cork Railway Line (Elimination and Upgrade of Level Crossings between Limerick Junction and Mallow) Order 2021".

In order to acknowledge receipt of this letter and the documents enclosed, please contact via e-mail: <u>CLLC@irishrail.ie</u> or by post to Cork Line Level Crossings Project, c/o Jacobs, Mahon Industrial Estate, Blackrock, Cork, T12 HY54.

Yours faithfully,

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