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2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2022

Attention: Mr. Kieran Somers  
An Bord Pleanála  
64 Marlborough Street  
Dublin 1

**An Bord Pleanála Reference: ABP-310286-21**

**Subject: Railway works and all works necessary 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.**

**Fantstown, Thomastown, Ballyhay, Newtown, Ballycoskery (Ballyhea Village), Shinanagh and Buttevant, Co. Cork and Co. Limerick.**

Dear Kieran

I refer to the above, to the previous 'dry run' submitted on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and to our recent correspondence in regard to same.

On behalf of the Applicant, please find enclosed a data stick containing a full copy of the Railway Order application documents as a further and final 'dry run' so they can be tested by the Boards IT Department before formal submission.

It is noted that the Board had difficulty in opening the following documents submitted as part of the January 'dry run':

- Draft Railway Order;
- Non-Technical Summary (NTS);
- Volume 4 of the EIAR Figures titled 2A – 2D Fantstown; and
- Volume 4 of the EIAR Figures 3A – 3R Thomastown.

The above documents have been 'resized' and checked and will hopefully now be able to open on the Board's website.

In addition to the above, together with minor amends (including the need to 'split' some documents due to filesize) throughout, we have included the following documents that were either missing or failed to load in the original submission, these include:

- ABP Consultation: Item No.18 EIAR Screening & Scoping Opinion Report 2 (EIAR Screening & Scoping Report No.1 appears to have been duplicated);

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- EIAR Volume 4, Figures 12.1 – 12.9; and
- EIAR Appendix 1H Public Consultation Report merges the first Consultation Report with the XC211 Newtown Further Consultation Report.

The key documents included in the data stick, are as follows:

- 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));  
Volume 1 (NTS)  
Volume 2 & 3 (EIAR Chapters)  
Volume 4 (Figures)  
Volume 5 (Appendices)
- A copy of the Planning Compliance Report; and
- A copy of the An Bord Pleanála Pre-Application Consultation File.

In addition to the above, the following is also included:

- ABP Cover Letter
- Completed SID Application Form with associated application appendices:
  - 1A – Planning Application Form Additional Information;
  - 1B – Overall List of Figures;
  - 1C – EIA Portal Confirmation; and
  - 1D – List of Owners/Occupiers & Notice Date.
- A copy of the letters served on the Chief Executive Officers of Cork County Council and Limerick City and County Council;
- A copy of the letters served on Prescribed Bodies;
- National Transport Authority (NTA) Letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021 providing Consent for the submission to be made;
- Letter to Owner/Occupier (Example); and
- **All Representations Received from ABP – This is NEW – Included for Completeness.**

The Applicant greatly appreciates the Boards assistance in resolving the technical issues. It is intended to make the formal resubmission shortly after the Board has confirmed that all is in order and we will keep the Board informed of same.

Yours sincerely



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rory McDonnell".

**Rory McDonnell**

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Copies to: Irish Rail, Gerry Healy (Jacobs), Phil Moat (Jacobs)

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