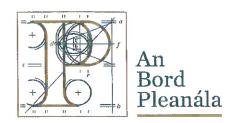
Our Case Number: ABP-310286-21



Rory McDonnell Jacobs Artola House 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Floors 91 Victoria Street Belfast BT1 4PB

Date: 3rd December 2021

Re: 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.

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer further to the above-mentioned railway order application case.

It has come to the Board's attention that certain application documents could not be accessed on the project website owing to a technical issue. With regard to these particular circumstances, the Board is of the opinion that an addendum public notice should be advertised allowing a further time period for members of the public, landowners and relevant prescribed bodies to make submissions/observations on the railway order application. A draft addendum notice with suggested wording is attached herein for your attention. The addendum notice should be advertised in the same newspapers as per the original railway order application and should also be bilingual as was the case with the previous railway order application public notices.

The minimum time period for the making of submissions in relation to the addendum public notices shall be six weeks. Your attention is also drawn to section 251 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, which provides that the period between the 24<sup>th</sup> day of December and the first day of January, both dates inclusive, shall be disregarded. You are hereby advised that this section of the Act is applicable if the addendum notices are advertised prior to the Christmas holiday period.

The Board also requests that the applicant notify the same prescribed bodies (including the two relevant local authorities) as per the original application with the same time period for the making of submissions as per the addendum public notices.

The Board will issue a courtesy letter to the other third parties and landowners and will include a copy of this letter for their information.

You are also requested to submit an additional electronic copy of the railway order application to the Board, ensuring that, in so far as possible, all documents can be accessed.

Please provide the Board with 3 copies (one electronic and two hard copies) of all addendum notices and letters to relevant prescribed bodies once these have been completed and are available.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Kieran Somers
Executive Officer

Direct Line: 01-8737250

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## Transport (Railway Infrastructure) Act 2001, as amended

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.

In compliance with a request by An Bord Pleanála, Córas lompair Éireann (CIÉ) hereby advises that, with regard to the inaccessibility of certain documents on the project website, due to a technical issue, it has been requested by the Board to advertise an addendum to the original public notice and to allow a further time period for the making of submissions/observations in relation to the railway order application.

As stated in the original public notice, the application is accompanied by documents including the following:

- a) A draft of the proposed Railway Order entitled the "Dublin to Cork Railway Line (Elimination and Upgrade) of Level Crossings between Limerick Junction and Mallow Order 2021";
- b) Plans of the proposed railway works;
- A book of reference to the plan (indicating the identity of the owners and of the occupiers of the lands described in the plan);
- d) A statement of the likely effects on the environment (an "Environmental Impact Assessment Report") of the proposed railway works;
- e) A Natura Impact Statement.

### Inspection of Draft Railway Order and Accompanying Documents

A copy of the Draft Railway Order and documents accompanying the application may be inspected during normal office or opening hours (with the exception of Charleville Station where viewings will be made by appointment via the project email address <a href="clic@irishrail.ie">clic@irishrail.ie</a> or by calling 01 7034451) from the XXXX 2021 for the duration of 6 weeks (inclusive of Christmas time period) until the XXXX 2022 at:

An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin, D01 V902

- Limerick City and County Council, Dooradoyle Road, Dooradoyle, Limerick, V94 WV78
- Cork County Council, County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, T12 R2NC
- Iarnród Éireann, Charleville Station, Railway Road, Charleville, Co. Cork, P56 C654

These documents may also be viewed at www.irishrail.ie/CorkLineLevelCrossings

# **Purchase of Documents**

Copies or extracts from the documents which accompanied the application, including the Environment Impact Assessment Report, the Non-Technical Summary of same and the Natura Impact Statement, may be purchased on payment of a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making such copy or extract from:

- Cork Line Level Crossings Project, C/O Jacobs, Mahon Industrial Estate, Blackrock, Cork, T12 HY54
- An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin, D01 V902
- Limerick City and County Council, Dooradoyle Road, Dooradoyle, Limerick, V94 WV78
- Cork County Council, County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, T12 R2NC

## Written Submissions

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 or by persons who previously made a submission to the Board in respect of the railway order application). Submissions must be lodged no later than 5.30 p.m. on the XXXX 2022 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"

## **Oral Hearing**

An Bord Pleanála may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing into the application for a Railway Order.

### **Judicial Review**

A person may question the validity of any such decision by An Bord Pleanála may make by way of an application for judicial review in accordance with section 47 and 47A of the Transport (Railway Infrastructure) Act 2001 (as amended and substituted) and under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986 as amended) and practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading 'Publications – Judicial Review Notice' on the Board's website <a href="https://www.pleanala.ie">www.pleanala.ie</a> or on the Citizen's Information website www.citizensinformation.ie

Geraldine Finucane Secretary to the Board of Córas Iompair Éireann

Heuston Station, Dublin 8

### Dated this XXXX 2021

Further information is available from:

Cork Line Level Crossings Project, C/O Jacobs, Mahon Industrial Estate, Blackrock, Cork, T12 HY54

E-mail: cllc@irishrail.ie

Web: www.irishrail.ie/CorkLineLevelCrossings