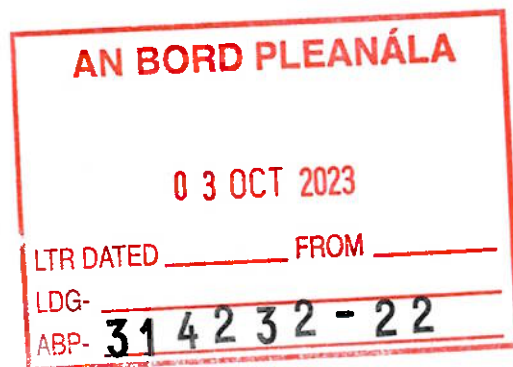


Objections to An Board Pleanála regarding DART+ West CIE Railway Order by property owners Colette Maguire & David Conroy:-

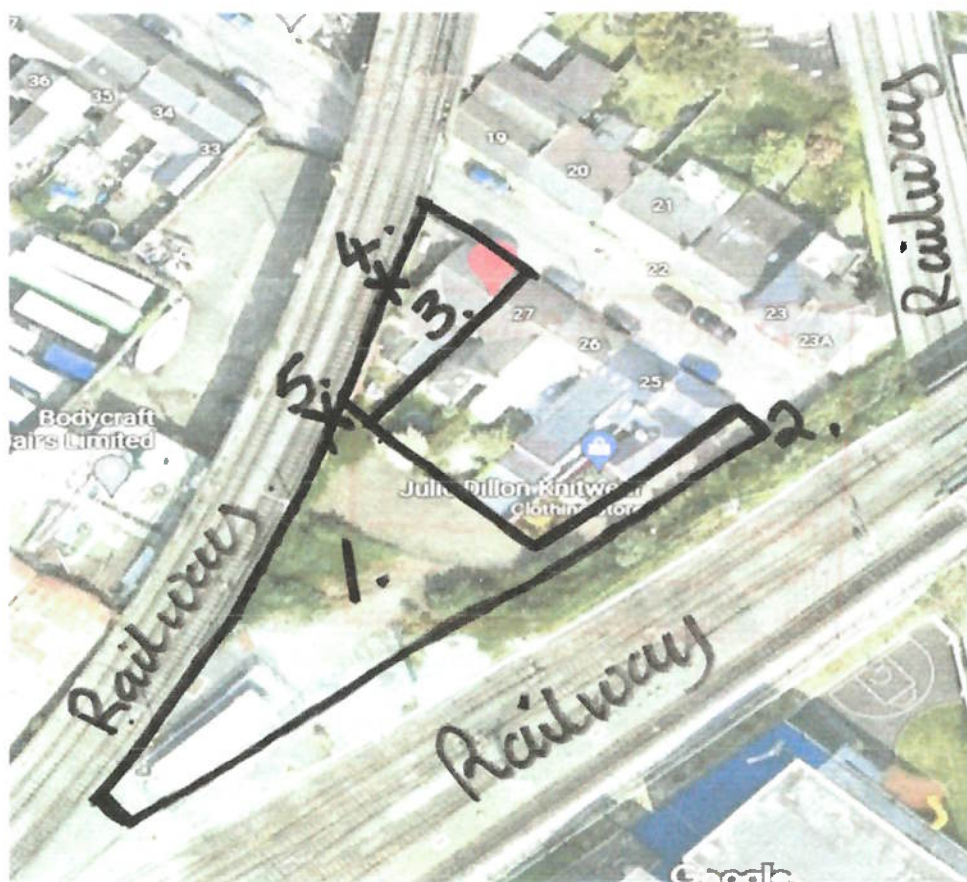
- a) To use the property located at 28 Bessborough Ave., North Strand, Dublin 3, D03 A312 as a “Right of Way” for the construction, operation and maintenance of a pole, ancillary fixtures and cables to the railway line directly over the property.
- b) The erection of a pole/mast, ancillary fixtures and cables to a height of between 6 and 8.5 meters to the railway wall directly over the private residential house/property located at the above address for reasons set out below.
- c) To operate 24 trains per hour along the railway line/viaduct running adjacent to the above property, in addition to other trains operating it as well.

Oral Hearing Supplementary Information Number 2



Google map of lower end of Bessborough Ave showing the 3 railway lines that intersect with it, plus the following:-

1. Disused waste ground owned by CIE/Irish Rail to rear of house numbers 24 – 28, for generations, locally known as “Wordies”.
2. CIE/Irish Rail’s existing access entrance into “Wordies”.
3. House number 28 Bessborough Ave located directly beside the railway line/viaduct to which CIE/Irish Rail propose to use as a “Right of Way” for the construction of a pole/mast, plus ancillary fixtures and cables directly overhead to a height of between 6m and 8.5m (i.e. 19-28 feet approx).
4. Location to which CIE/Irish Rail want to locate the above mast/pole, plus ancillary fixtures and cables.
5. **Alternative location to the placement of the said mast/pole, plus ancillary fixtures and cables (i.e. a deviation of approx 10m) which would be within the terms of CIE’s “DART+ West Draft Railway Order, Draft Order, July 20202” under “Article 6, Deviation”, plus the “Transport (Railway Infrastructure) Act, 2001”. If placed here, it would remove their requirement to have the “Right of Way” placed on the property located at 28 Bessborough Ave and, instead, have it located on land/property to which they already own and have access to.**



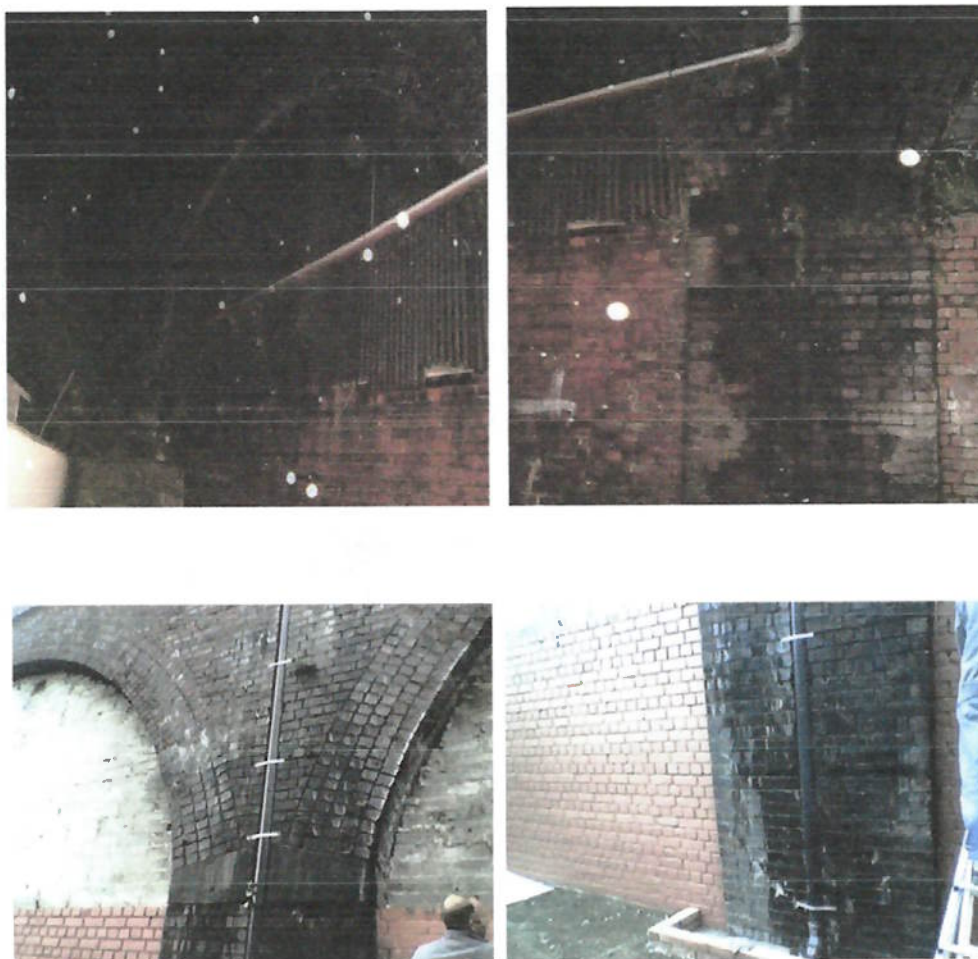
These are photographs of the of one of the downpipes on the railway wall depositing rainwater and debris/silt directly into the private drains and manhole of the property located at 28 Bessborough Ave., North Strand, Dublin 3. The property, and the area in general, has a long established history of flooding with these deposits being a major contributory factor because of the constant build-up of debris/silt causing obstructions in the gullies, drainpipes and manholes surrounding the property – in turn, rainwater and raw sewage cannot flow away therefore, especially during heavy rainfall and storms, this all back up causing flooding in the garden and the house itself (please see next page for further details).



Following flooding events in 2008 & 2009, Dublin City Council (DCC) did a range of investigations in the Avenue to determine the cause of the flooding ([please see main number of document for further details](#)). During these investigations, they did a CCTV survey of all the drains, manholes, etc. in 28 Bessborough Ave, and they blew out/cleared all the drains of any debris/silt built up from the railway – the following photographs is an example of what they found and removed.



Since the 1980's, we've tried to engage with CIE/Irish Rail to resolve the problem by having these downpipes on the railway wall capped off and removed, and redirected towards their own disused waste ground to the rear of the house, locally known for generations as "Wordies". The following photos are examples of their failed efforts to do this.



These are photos of the second downpipe from the railway depositing rainwater and debris/silt onto the property located at 28 Bessborough Ave. In this case however, it's an old cast iron rotten pipe primarily located along the inside of the adjacent garage with no connecting gully or drain whatsoever therefore, any rainwater/deposits are going directly into the ground causing untold damage to the foundations of the property, extreme dampness throughout the garage itself, plus damage to the roof as well. The property has a history of flooding, and when this happens, water rises up from under the floors within the house with this, no doubt, being a huge contributory factor.



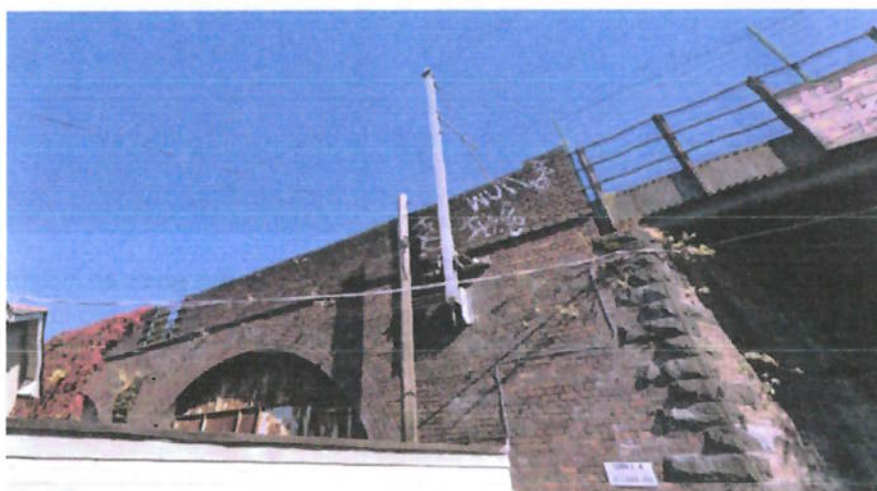
The following Google images and personal photos show how poorly CIE/Irish Rail have maintained the railways and surrounding areas in Bessborough Ave – this first photo is the ghastly eyesore of the railway embankment at the very bottom of the Avenue. It also shows the access entrance on the right hand side they have into the disused waste ground locally known as “Wordies” which is central to our objections re the erection of the mast/pole and ancillary fixtures and fitting above our property, and using it as a “Right of Way” to do so and maintain it there afterwards (please see page 1 of this Supplementary Information for further details).



This photo taken from the rear bedroom window of number 28 Bessborough Ave gives an insight as to how badly “Wordies” has been maintained and facilitated the persistent rodent/rat infestations into local resident gardens and homes since the DART was first constructed and introduced in the late 1970s/early 80s – prior to this, it was reasonably maintained and a relatively safe and common place for children to play in.



Some more examples of how badly the railways are maintained in Bessborough Ave.



This is an example of a recent notification local residents received from CIE/Irish Rail about railway works that were about to take in Bessborough Ave without any prior consultation or engagement whatsoever with residents – please see photos on the next page as an example of the adverse effects of what followed.



27th Meán Fómhair, 2023

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Tag: Oibreacha Riachtanacha Cothabhála Iarnróid – Ascaill Bessborough

Agus Ascaill Strandville

RE: Railway Essential Maintenance Works – Strandville Ave and Bessborough Ave

A Chónaitheoir, a chara,

Beidh Iarnród Éireann | Irish Rail ag tabhairt faoi Oibreacha Riachtanacha Cothabhála Iarnróid i do cheantar le linn uaireanta oíche, oíche Dé Luain / maidin Dé Máirt (an 02 agus an 03 Deireadh Fómhair) go dtí oíche Dé hAoine / maidin Dé Sathairn (an 06 agus an 07 Deireadh Fómhair) idir 00:01 agus 05:00 ar maidin.

Ní féidir an obair seo a dhéanamh ach amháin san oíche nuair nach mbíonn traenacha i mbun seirbhíse.

Chomh maith le heolas maidir le hoibreacha san oíche ar na rianta a chur ar fáil ar ár suíomh gréasáin (<https://www.irishrail.ie/news/iarnrod-eireann-night-time-track-works>), tá an fógra i scríbhinn seo á seoladh do chónaitheoirí atá gar don limistéar oibre Iarnróid.

Déanfar gach iarracht chun a chinntiú go mbeadh aon chur isteach ar chónaitheoirí áitiúla ar an leibhéal is ísle agus is féidir.

Go raibh maith agat as ucht do chomhoibrithe agus muid i mbun na hoibre riachtanach seo.

Le meas,

An Oifig Idirchaidrimh Pobail
Iarnród Éireann | Irish Rail
Rannóg Bonneagair, Rannán Bhaile Átha Cliath

Dear Resident,

Iarnród Éireann | Irish Rail will be carrying out essential railway maintenance works in your area during night-time hours on Mon night/Tues morning (02nd /03rd Oct) until Fri night/Sat morning (06th /07th Oct) between the hours of 00:01 – 05:00hrs.

This work can only be carried out at night when trains are not running.

In addition to providing information regarding night-time track works on our website (<https://www.irishrail.ie/news/iarnrod-eireann-night-time-track-works>), this written notification is being delivered only to residents in proximity to the railway work area.

Every practical effort will be made to minimise the impact on and disruption to local residents.

Thank you for your co-operation as we carry out this necessary work.

Yours Sincerely

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