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Re: Application for DART+ West Railway Order – Dublin City Centre to Maynooth and M3 Parkway

Dear Ms Thornton,

I refer to the above matter.

As requested by An Bord Pleanála in your letter dated 23rd October 2023, we now enclose three paper copies and three electronic copies of the 'Update to the Natura Impact Statement' Report dated October 2023.

We certify that the 'Update to the Natura Impact Statement' Report dated October 2023 presented to An Bord Pleanála during the Oral Hearing proceedings, is identical to the enclosed copy.

In accordance with Section 41(2)(a)(ii) of the Transport (Railway Infrastructure) Act 2001 and following a request made by An Bord Pleanála pursuant to section 41(1) and (2)(a) of the said Act, Córas Iompair Éireann (CIÉ) has undertaken the following:

1.1 For easy access to information for the public, arrangements have been made for availability of the 'Update to the Natura Impact Statement' Report dated October 2023 at the following locations:

- An Bord Pleanála offices;
- Iarnród Éireann offices at Connolly Station;
- DART+ West project offices at CIÉ Inchicore Works;
- Dublin City Council offices at Wood Quay;
- Fingal County Council offices at Swords and Blanchardstown;
- Kildare County Council offices at Naas;
- Meath County Council offices at Navan and Dunboyne Library.

These locations where the public can access the paper copy of 'Update to the Natura Impact Statement' Report dated October 2023 are referenced in the newspaper notices, along with details of the standalone website (www.dartwestrailwayorder.ie). The newspaper notice also indicates that copies of the documents can be purchased at a number of locations.

2.2 Notices have been published in National and Regional newspapers indicating that CIÉ has furnished the report to An Bord Pleanála. The notice was published in the following newspaper circulating to communities along the route:

- Irish Independent, published on 7 November 2023;
- Northside People East, published on 8 November 2023;
- Northside People West, published on 8 November 2023; and
- Meath Chronicle, published on 8 November 2023.

The newspaper notice makes it clear that the statutory consultation period commences on the 9th November 2023 and closes at 5.30pm on the 30th November 2023, for any person wishing to make a submission or observation. A copy of all newspaper notices has been enclosed in this correspondence.

2.3 The 'Update to the Natura Impact Statement' Report and a copy of the Irish Independent newspaper notice has been served on each of the Planning Authorities (Dublin City Council, Fingal County Council, Kildare County Council and Meath County Council) and each of the prescribed bodies specified by An Bord Pleanála.

2.4 Notice has been served on owners and occupiers of lands along the route advising of CIÉ's intention to submit the 'Update to the Natura Impact Statement' Report to An Bord Pleanála. A copy of the Irish Independent newspaper notice has also been enclosed in this correspondence.

I trust the submitted documentation is satisfactory. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require anything further.

Yours sincerely

Dated

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8 November 2023

Michael Finan

DART+ West Programme Manager

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