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Date: 23 February 2023

Re: DART+ West Railway Order - Dublin City to Maynooth and M3 Parkway
County Dublin, County Meath, County Kildare

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer to your letter received on 16th February, 2023 in relation to the above-mentioned proposed development.

Please note that the objective date for a decision on this case is 2nd March, 2023. This date was changed as a result of the publication of new notices extending the time period for making submissions/observations. The decide by date has been amended on the Board's website to reflect this change. In the likely event of the Board not making a decision within this time, notices will issue to all parties with a revised objective date.

The case which is currently with the inspector is awaiting a decision on whether or not an oral hearing should be held. Due to the large volume of workload in the Board at present there has been a delay in dealing with this matter. It is anticipated that a decision in this regard will be made in the near future. You will be notified of this decision as soon as it is made.

The delay in dealing with this application is regretted.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Yours faithfully,

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Senior Executive Officer
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Niamh Thornton

From: Colm Reynolds <Colm.Reynolds@irishrail.ie>
Sent: Thursday 16 February 2023 16:31
To: Niamh Thornton
Subject: DART+ West Railway Order Application (ABP-314232-22)
Attachments: DART+ West Railway Order Update Letter.pdf

Hi Niamh,

Further to earlier conversation, please find correspondence attached.

I would appreciate it, if the issue raised within the correspondence can be escalated within ABP and I would very much appreciate a response as early as possible.

Many thanks,

Colm

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Sent by email 16th February 2023

Re: DART+ West Railway Order Application; Case reference: NA29S.314232.

Dear Niamh,

The above Railway Order application was lodged with the Board in July 2022. At the time of writing, 16th February 2023, the Board's website contains a due decision date of 13th February 2023.

Following contact from my team with the Board on the 15th February 2023, seeking information with respect to the Board's decision-making process and anticipated timelines, the response received was that there is no information available and call back in a few weeks.

I'm sure you can appreciate that the delivery of large scale infrastructural projects is a complex and expensive undertaking. DART+ West is a publicly funded project and at all times we must ensure value is achieved for the taxpayer's money with inefficiencies being avoided.

A significant milestone in the delivery of DART+ West, is the achievement of its Railway Order. This is also an expensive undertaking, particularly in the preparation for an oral hearing, should one be required. Having zero visibility from the Board, 10 months after lodgement, puts the project in a position of having to assume that an oral hearing will be required and assume a timeline for when it may occur. This situation is far from ideal.

I would be extremely grateful if you could escalate this correspondence and the issue raised, within the Board's organisation, with a view to understanding if more clarity around the process and timelines can be ascertained.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colm Reynolds".

Colm Reynolds
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