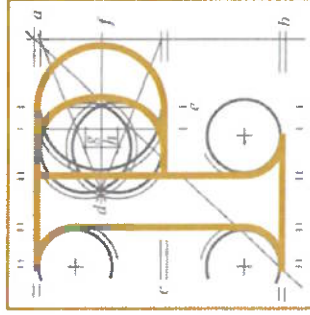




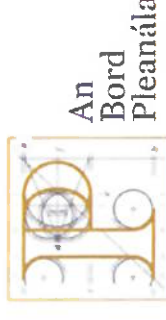
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BACKGROUND



-
- » Application for a Railway Order under the Transport (Railway Infrastructure) Act 2001, as amended
 - » Applicant – Córas Iompair Éireann
 - » Application Content:
 - A draft of the Proposed Railway Order
 - Plans of the proposed railway works
 - A Book of Reference describing works and identifying landowners and occupiers
 - An EIAR and supporting volumes
 - A Natura Impact Statement



THE PROJECT

The Intent

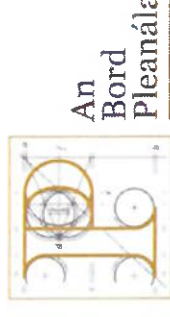


- » Electrification of a combined total of 40 kilometres of the Great Southern & Western Railway (GSWR) and the Midland Great Western Railway (MGWR) rail lines from Dublin City Centre extending west of Maynooth as far as a proposed depot east of Kilcock and separately to the M3 Parkway Station in County Meath.
- » Increase rail capacity on the Maynooth and M3 Parkway lines - From 6 to 12 trains per hour per direction & increasing passenger capacity from 5,000 to 13,200 passengers per hour per direction.



THE PROJECT

Principal Components



- Signalling, Electrification and Telecommunication (SET) works;
- Construction of overhead line equipment (OHLE) along the railway;
- Structural alterations to existing rail overbridge structures;
- Modification works to existing bridge structures;
- Linear railway permanent way works;
- Closure of six existing level crossings at Ashtown, Coolmine, Porterstown, Clonsilla, Barberstown and Blakestown and the construction of replacement access infrastructure;



THE PROJECT Cont'd

Principal Components

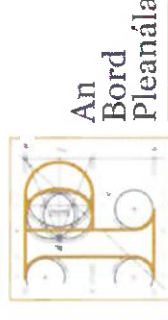


- Station alterations at Connolly Station, including the provision of a new entrance at Preston Street via Connolly Station vaults (connecting to Platforms 6 and 7) and associated public realm works on Preston Street.;
- Construction of a new station at Spencer Dock and improving interchange with the Luas;
- Construction of 12 substations, supporting technical buildings and electricity connections along the line;
- Construction of temporary construction compounds;
- Construction of permanent maintenance compounds at Navan Road Parkway and the proposed depot;



THE PROJECT Cont'd

Principal Components



- Off-line track realignment in the vicinity of Rail Overbridge 23 (OBG23/Jackson's Bridge) and associated roadworks; and
- Construction of a depot west of Maynooth for the maintenance and parking (stabling) of trains, provision of access infrastructure including a new overbridge, roadworks and flood compensation storages areas.



SUBMISSIONS

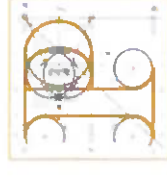


» 157 Submissions

- Local Authorities (Four)
- Prescribed Bodies (Eight)
- Public Representatives (13 Submissions)
- Landowners (41)
- Observers (91)



MAIN ISSUES INCLUDE



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- » Land Acquisition – Depot & Ashtown
 - » Structural and Other Impacts on Residential Properties
 - » Level Crossing Closures – Need, Severance & Traffic Impacts
 - » Impact on the Royal Canal
 - » Proposed Bridge Structures – Access & Visual Impact
 - » Siting of Substations – Leixlip Convey
 - » The Depot – Siting & Flooding
 - » Inadequate Public Consultation



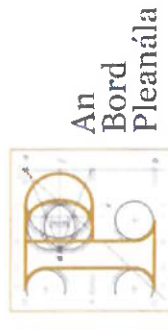
SOME SENSITIVE LOCATIONS



- » **Spencer Dock**
- » **Connolly Station**
- » **Railway Lines at North Strand**
- » **Railway Level Crossings & New Bridges**
- » **Tunnel at Ashtown**
- » **Road Improvement Works in Porterstown Area**
- » **Historic Bridges - Broome Bridge, Castleknock, Cope Bridge**
- » **Off-track Alignment at Jackson's Bridge**
- » **Access to the Depot**
- » **The Depot Site**



POLICY CONTEXT



- **National - National Planning Framework, National Development Plan, National Sustainable Mobility Policy, National Investment Framework for Transport in Ireland, Climate Action Plan 2023**
- **Regional - Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Eastern and Midlands Region 2019-2031, Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy 2022-2042**
- **Local – Dublin City & Fingal, Meath & Kildare County Development Plans**

