



An
Bord
Pleanála

Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

Observer's details

1. Observer's details (person making the observation)

If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.

If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

(a) Observer's name

Brian Conlan

(b) Observer's postal address

398 Riverforest Leixlip Co. Kildare W23D3T6

Agent's details

2. Agent's details (if applicable)

If you are an agent and are acting for someone else **on this observation**, please **also** write your details below.

If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

N/A

(b) Agent's postal address

N/A

Postal address for letters

3. During the process to decide the application, we will post information and items to you or to your agent. For this **current application**, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only)

You (the observer) at the postal address in Part 1

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The agent at the postal address in Part 2

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Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the **current application** you wish to make an observation.

- (a) **An Bord Pleanála case number for the current application (if available)**
(for example: 300000)

DART+ West Electrified Heavy Railway Order [2022]

- (b) **Name or description of proposed development**

DART+ West Electrified Heavy Railway Order [2022]

- (c) **Location of proposed development**

(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

Confey Bridge (Cope Bridge, Leixlip and Glendale Estate , Leixlip Co. Kildare)

Observation details

5. Grounds

Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below. There is **no word** limit as the box expands to fit what you write.

You can also insert photographs or images in this box. (See part 6 – Supporting materials for more information).

As referenced in _ Work No. 28.4 Drawing NO.WP028 7m depth of current green space at the front of Glendale will be lost and replaced with a new wall, embankment and hedging and a cycle lane / pathway. The local residents have observed that this will have a significant impact on the existing green space and is currently used for recreation activities as well as impacting on the current fauna and flora. It will particularly impact on the mature trees that local residents have grown and maintained over many years.

The local residents have observed that there could be a possibility of keeping the existing boundary and hedgerow and add the cycle lane / pathway running along the existing green space. It is not clear if this has been considered?

The local residents have observed that there is no clear plan for further development of the cycle lane / pathway as it ends abruptly either end of the proposed infrastructure.

5. Grounds

The Compound:

The application makes reference (Work No. 28.6 Drawings No. WP028) to a compound for storage of machinery and equipment being placed on the front green space for a significant amount of time. This will hugely impact on the current green space used by local residents for recreation such as children playing sports, local residents walking their dogs and people having picnics. This green space has been maintained for many years by the local residents both with their own money on volunteering their time.

The local residents have observed the magnitude of this compound and believe it will have negative impact on local residents in terms of noise pollution; create an eye sore to what has been a well-established, picturesque green area; create additional traffic and cause congestion in the estate. HGV's causing a danger to children crossing the roads and affect current access to the train station in a safe manner.

Local residents have observed that an alternative location for the compound could be on the far side of Cope bridge in the field opposite the train station. Local residents question if this option has been explored?

The application makes reference (Work No. 28.6 Drawings No. WP028) to the proposal to build a permanent substation on the front green area in Glendale. This will greatly impact local residents due to significant loss of green areas used by local residents. The local residents have observed the size of the proposed building and believe it will be a significant eyesore. Local residents are aware of other land owned by CIE further along the track and question if another location has been considered.

5. Grounds

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Supporting materials

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

You can insert photographs and similar items in your observation details: grounds (part 5 of this form).

If your supporting materials are physical objects, you must send them together with your observation by post or deliver it in person to our office. You cannot use the online uploader facility.

Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct fee is included with your observation.

Observers (except prescribed bodies)

- strategic infrastructure observation is €50.
- there is no fee for an oral hearing request

Oral hearing request

8. If you wish to [request the Board to hold an oral hearing](#), please tick the “Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing” box below.

You can find information on how to make this request on [our website](#) or by contacting us.

If you do not wish to request an oral hearing, please tick the “No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing” box.

Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing

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No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing

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Final steps before you send us your observations

9. If you are sending us your observation using **the online uploader facility**, remember to save this document as a Microsoft word or PDF and title it with:

- the case number and your name, or
- the name and location of the development and your name.

This also applies to prescribed bodies sending an observation by email.

If you are sending your observation to us by post or delivering in person, remember to print off all the pages of this document and send it to us.

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