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**Re: Scheme Details: Dart + West Project**  
**Client Details: Confey GAA Club and Trustees, Confey, Leixlip, County Kildare**  
**CPO Ref: DW.028 – P.66 and T.66**

Dear Sirs,

We act on behalf of the above property owner who has been served with notice of the making of the above Railway Order. Having reviewed the drawings and documentation accompanying same, our client has instructed us to object to the confirmation of the Railway Order and Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) on the following grounds:

**1. Surplus Land Acquisition**

The owners object to the acquisition of lands which appear to be surplus to the scheme requirements. There appears to be excessive permanent and temporary acquisition areas.

**2. Drainage**

Inadequate drainage details have been provided. There is the potential for negative consequences to the Club lands and pitches in relation to drainage.

**3. Noise**

Inadequate information has been provided regarding the mitigation measures that are being proposed to control noise pollution along the new scheme.

**4. Access – General**

There is a lack of clarity in relation to access during and post construction. More clarity and detail is required regarding the new bridge works and footpaths/cycleways.

**5. Road Closures**

There is a lack of clarity re. potential road closures during construction. In the event of road closures, will there be pedestrian access across the bridge to the Club?

**6. Health and Safety Issues**

There is a serious concern for the Club in relation to the safety of the members of the Club, especially children in relation to the works that have to be carried out generally. Specifically in relation to cyclists, there is no clarity as to where cyclists will go after they cross over the bridge and arrive at the first house on the east or Club side.

**7. Time Frame**

There is a lack of clarity around the length of time that it will take to complete the works at the location of the Club. No commencement or completion dates have been put forward in relation to the works.

**8. Direct Specific Impacts**

The proposed works will severely impact on the Club's playing pitches and the ability of teams to train and play. The Club's training pitch will be severely curtailed as the Club is an expanding Club and they need a bigger area to train. Currently the Club are under severe pressure with regard to training space. No consideration has been given to this issue. This is a serious matter for the Club.

The Club need information, commitments and guarantees regarding the finishing and reinstatement of the grounds on completion of the works.

The disruption that will arise from the works on the bridge will have a serious impact on the Club facilities and on the Bar and Sports Hall which are a source of revenue to fund the Club's community and member activities.

**9. Responsibility for Works**

Specific details will need to be provided as to who is responsible for the various works being carried out at the location of the bridge and club, i.e. is it Kildare County Council, Irish Rail or another body. On completion of the scheme, clarity is needed as to which entity will own the lands permanently acquired in the vicinity of the bridge.

**10. Screening and Planting**

There is a lack of detail re. hedging and screening.

**11. Boundary Treatment**

Inadequate detail has been provided regarding the type of boundary to be provided along the scheme at the property.

**12. Finished Levels**

There is a lack of detail in relation to finished road levels.

**13. Lighting**

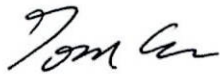
Insufficient detail has been provided re. new lightening along and at the scheme works.

**14. Other Matters**

Such other relevant matters that may arise when more detailed design information is made available.

The information supplied by the Acquiring Authority is incomplete and may change. We reserve the right to include other grounds of objection and to elaborate on the above listed grounds of objection when further information is made available to us by the Acquiring Authority and to tender these at the An Bord Pleanála Hearing. We request that an Oral Hearing be held in relation to the scheme.

Yours faithfully,



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