



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

Imelda Bermingham

(b) Observer's postal address

83 Roselawn Road, Castleknock, Dublin 15

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

(b) Agent's postal address

Click or tap here to enter text.

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)

314232 - <https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/case/314232>

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

DART+ West Railway Order - Dublin City to Maynooth and M3 Parkway

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

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

County Dublin, County Meath, County Kildare, Dublin City Council

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).

Dear Sir / Madam

I welcome the upgrading of the railways serving the west of Dublin and beyond. Indeed, I am a regular railway user myself.

However, I live in Dublin 15 and the current proposal will destroy the community in Dublin 15 for the benefit of those rail users who are passing through and not in any way contributing to Dublin 15.

I am completely against the closing of any of the level crossings at Coolmine Road, Porterstown Road and Clonsilla.

Anyone who has been at any of the 5 crossing points, Castleknock Rd., Coolmine Rd., Diswellstown Rd., Porterstown Rd. and the R121 at Clonsilla, will be well aware of the volume of traffic on each of these roads. The closing of any one of these crossings would create huge traffic problems for residents in this area of Dublin 15. The proposal to close 3 of the crossings points beggars belief.

Has any planner actually studied the current traffic problems during the day, and especially during the rush hours? I don't believe they have. Otherwise, they would see the disaster it will create.

If I wish to bring my children to training/a match in Carpenterstown, my options are now greatly reduced. Closing these level crossings will increase the time spent in cars getting to the venue. Walking will no longer be an option. The upgrading of the railway is of no benefit to the locals who wish to go from one side of a level crossing to the other.

I also attend The Parks Medical Centre. Currently, I walk to my GP and the chemist. If the level crossing at Coolmine Road is closed, I will no longer be able to do this. Pedestrian bridges are fine if you are in the whole of your health, but if you suffer from a range of illnesses the climb, however gradual, will be impossible. Ironically, the upgrading of the railways may oblige people to have to use their cars more, which is going against all the attempts to be "green".

I appreciate the concerns regarding accidents at the level crossings. However, I think a simple solution would be to instal cameras at these crossings. The imposition of significant fines for people or cars taking risks could offset the cost of these cameras. If they do not offset the cost, then there is no risk.

5. Grounds

I note that the plan is to replace the current level crossings at both Ashtown and Barberstown with alternate forms of crossing.

Why is this not being done in Dublin 15?

I believe it is possible to both upgrade the railway and avoid destroying the community of Dublin 15. Instal cameras and keep the current level crossings.

Yours faithfully,
Imelda Bermingham

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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