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Pat Walsh,  
Gragadder,  
Kilcock,  
Co. Kildare.  
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24<sup>th</sup> October, 2022.

**"OBJECTION LETTER"**

TO/  
An Bord Pleanála,  
64, Marlborough Street,  
Dublin 1. D01 V902.

Reference: L0-101.  
Landowner Ref: F4880.  
Re: DART + WEST Electrified Heavy Railway Order 2022.  
Railway Order Application made on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2022  
By Córas Iompair Éireann (CIE).

Dear Sirs,

I am objecting to CIE applying for Planning Permission for the Dart+West Application.

I am a dairy farmer farming for more than 40 years on a family farm which has been used for farming since 1951.

1. My livelihood, which is solely in farming, will be profoundly affected as my Dairy cows can't travel far and have to be close to my farmyard, and this proposed Depot is planned to be built on the same field as my farmyard.
2. How do CIE propose to control their STRAY VOLTAGE which will have a severe affect especially on my dairy cows?.
3. How do CIE propose to control SOUND especially during construction and thereafter as any sudden loud noises will spook my cows?
4. This is a unique area for wildlife, birds, bees different plants and berry trees with the finest rich hedgerows and trees as you would find in Ireland with a rare Field Maple tree identified on my land.
5. At least 50% of this development is a flooding plain. Three streams come into one and in a flooding situation only one stream will get away, leaving two backing up from Jacksons Bridge towards Kilcock where the development is proposed. Their proposal is to dig out land 1 meter deep, but some of this land is the highest land in the area at 67 meters above sea level approximately, while other houses and my farmyard is only 65 meters above sea level, and is putting my property and others under severe threat of flooding.

Over the last 30 years Kildare County Council have given Permission for the level of 70 Acres approximately of land to be built up in the Ballycannon/Lyreen River Valley. This being a natural flood plain and now very poor land. The natural flooding plain should be reinstated before digging out good agricultural land.

6. There has always been a Right of Way from my land into the Maws Farm and over the Railway and Canal and also a Right of Way for me to travel with farm machinery through the Maws Farm out to the main Maynooth/Kilcock Public Road way.



Pat Walsh.