

Castleknock Mews Residents' Association
1 Castleknock Mews
Old Navan Road
Castleknock
Dublin 15

28/10/2022

Re: DART+ West Electrified Heavy Railway Order 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

The residents of houses 1-4 Castleknock Mews, Old Navan Road, Castleknock, Dublin 15 wish to submit the following observations (O:) regarding the above planning application.

(DW.011.T.121(A))

Irish Rail does not indicate the reason for the acquisition of the piece of land within the boundary of the Castleknock Mews development (DW.011.T.121(A)). This piece of land is the only access route for the residents of the development to access the Old Navan Road by vehicle, bicycle or by foot. There is currently a private, automated gate on the boundary between that piece of land (DW.011.T.121(A)) and the public road (Old Navan Road). This gate serves as a security gate for the residents of the Castleknock Mews Development.

O: Irish Rail should indicate the reason for the acquisition of the piece land (DW.011.T.121(A)).

O: Irish Rail should detail how they intend to access (DW.011.T.121(A)) with the gate in place.

O: Irish Rail should address the security concerns of the residents of Castleknock Mews if the gate is to be removed, or remain open indefinitely, or be controlled by a person other than the residents of Castleknock Mews.

Refuse Collection

The residents of Castleknock Mews currently have an arrangement with Panda Waste to collect the weekly wheelie bin collection from directly outside the gate of the development, on the Old Navan Road.

O: Irish Rail should detail how, with the bridge out of service, the residents of Castleknock Mews would access refuse collection.

O: Irish Rail should seek an agreement from Panda Waste that their collectors will come to the Old Navan Road end of the temporary access road to collect the wheelie bins.

Access to Beechpark Ave/Old Navan Road (East)

The M50 footbridge is a vital link for residents of Castleknock Mews to the east side of the M50 to access schools (St Brigid's NS, Castleknock) and sports facilities (Castleknock Lawn Tennis Club), both of which are accessed daily by parents and children resident in Castleknock Mews.

O: Irish Rail should retain M50 footbridge access for residents of Castleknock Mews

Environmental Impact

The proposed access road to Ashleigh Green from the Old Navan Road will pass through an area of planted trees that provide a windbreak and shade to the Castleknock Mews development and generally enhance the aesthetics of the area.

O: Irish Rail should indicate how the walls, railings, trees and green areas will be reinstated when the works are completed.

O: Irish Rail should indicate if a pedestrian access route to Ashleigh Green from Old Navan Road will remain when works are completed.

O: Irish Rail should indicate how long will the works on the Old Navan Road Bridge will take to complete.

The 50 EURO observation fee was not payable in this case because the planning application intends to acquire a piece of land (DW.011.T.121(A)) which belongs to the residents of Castleknock Mews.

These observations were submitted to Dart+ West but no reply was forthcoming.

Sincerely,

Neil Reddy

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Secretary,

Castleknock Mews Residents' Association

