

OBSERVATION SUBMISSION

TO

BORD PLEANALA – CASE NO. 314232 – DART + WEST

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I refer to the plans for Coolmine Rail Station and existing level-crossing on the Coolmine/Carpenterstown Roads.

The proposed Plan is to remove the level-crossing and replace it with a pedestrian/cycle only bridge.

This proposal has a number of faults some of which I outline hereunder:

- . The road closure will mean that existing users will be forced to use an alternative route(s) already clogged with traffic.**
- . Local communities on the north/west side of the rail-line who currently approach the station by vehicle using the Coolmine Road will not have any carpark access unless they divert using Diswellstown Road. The cycle parking facility is also non-existent for those users of the station.**
- . The road closure will have a detrimental impact on school/shopping access on both sides.**
- . The proposed pedestrian/cycle bridge lacks clarification on potential health & safety and security risks particularly in non-daytime hours.**

The original plan to build a bridge close-by was a much better solution but was changed by a small group of local residents. The new proposal, as submitted, adversely effects a much wider community and for those of us living north/west of the rail-line it could be described as discriminatory.

