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**Re: Metrolink Railway Order – Estuary to the Charlemont via Dublin Airport, Co. Dublin.**

Dear Ms Thornton,

I refer to your letter dated 27 July 2023 where you indicated that the Board intends to hold an Oral Hearing in respect of the Metrolink Project at a date which has not yet been determined. I further refer to your letter dated 10 October 2023 directing TII to upload our Response to Submissions Report to the Project Website, which I am happy to confirm has been done.

Having submitted and uploaded the Responses to Submissions Report, TII's attention is now focused on preparation for the Oral Hearing. We note the format of the DART West Oral Hearing (which was due to complete on Friday) and that this has been structured differently to the "traditional" Oral Hearing format. In order that TII and our experts can present our evidence in the form that will be required by the Inspector, we would be obliged if you could please confirm whether the same format is envisaged for the Metrolink Oral Hearing as for DART West.

If so, can you also please confirm the following:

- 1 Will the Oral Hearing be modularised in the same way i.e., with an introduction section followed by modules divided by reference to sections of the proposed alignment?
- 2 If so, can you please confirm that the modules will follow the locational divisions contained in the Response Submissions Report (for ease of reference, we have set these out in the **Appendix 1** below). This is our understanding of what was done in the case of the DART West Oral Hearing.

TII respectfully requests sufficient advance notice of the date of the Oral Hearing to allow us to ensure availability of all of our experts, Also that full information is available to the public and the Inspector at the Oral Hearing.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Aidan Foley,  
Project Director MetroLink

## APPENDIX 1

- 1 **Assessment Zone (AZ) 1 Northern Section: Estuary Station to Dublin Airport North Portal (DANP)**
  - 1.1 AZ1(a) Estuary Station (incl. Park & Ride) to Seatown Station to North End of Swords Central Station
  - 1.2 AZ1(b) Swords Central Station to Fosterstown Station to DANP
- 2 **AZ 2 Airport Section: DANP to Dublin Airport South Portal (DASP)**
- 3 **AZ 3 Dardistown to Northwood: DASP to Northwood**
- 4 **AZ 4: Northwood to Charlemont Section**
  - 4.1 AZ4(a) - Northwood Portal to Ballymun Station, Ballymun Station and Running Tunnel to Collins Avenue Station
  - 4.2 AZ4(b) - Collins Avenue Station and Running Tunnel to Griffith Park Station, including Albert College Park Intervention Shaft
  - 4.3 AZ4(c) - Griffith Park Station and Running Tunnel to Glasnevin Station
  - 4.4 AZ4(d) - Glasnevin Station and Running Tunnel to Mater Station
  - 4.5 AZ4(e) - Mater Station and Running Tunnel to O'Connell Street Station
  - 4.6 AZ4(f) - O'Connell Street Station and Running Tunnel to Tara Station
  - 4.7 AZ4(g) - Tara Station and Running Tunnel to St. Stephen's Green Station
  - 4.8 AZ4(h) - St. Stephen's Green Station and Running Tunnel to Charlemont Station
  - 4.9 AZ4(i) - Charlemont Station and Turnback South of Station
- 5 **Key Issues raised by Observers not associated with a geographical area and Responses.**