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Sent: Thursday 1 August 2024 12:44
To: Shaun McGee
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Attachments: Letter from TII to ABP dated 22 July 2024.pdf

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Dear Ms Reilly,

Please see attached letter signed by Mr Aidan Foley for and on behalf of TII in response to your recent letter of 1 July.

Yours sincerely,

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22nd July 2024

Railway (Metrolink – Estuary to Charlemont Via Dublin airport) Order [2022] Metrolink, Estuary through Swords, Dublin airport, Ballymun, Glasnevin, City Centre to Charlemont, County Dublin
ABP Case Number: ABP-314724-22

Dear Ms Reilly,

We refer to your letter dated 1 July 2024 to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), directing that all materials submitted to the Oral Hearing together with the revised Book of Reference (collectively the **Oral Hearing Documents**) are to be put out for public consultation. The Board has requested that TII:

- (i) make the Oral Hearing Documents available on the dedicated MetroLink website;
- (ii) notify the public by newspaper that the Oral Hearing Documents will be available for review (and specify the locations and time-periods for inspection); and
- (iii) send the Oral Hearing Documents to Dublin City Council, Fingal County Council and designated bodies.

We have set out below (a) how TII proposes to address each of the above; (b) confirmation that TII completed a cross-check of documents currently on the dedicated website for this application to ensure that it is consistent with the documents contained on the hard copy public files maintained by the Board; and (c) a question on which TII would appreciate your instructions.

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1 MAKING THE ORAL HEARING DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW ONLINE

The Oral Hearing Documents will be available for review by the public on the dedicated website for this application: <https://www.metrolinkro.ie/>. There will be a new, dedicated section entitled "Oral Hearing Documents for Second Round of Public Consultation". This will house the Oral Hearing Documents online and will be downloadable and an index will be provided (for both the soft and hard copies of the Oral Hearing Documents). The Metrolink RO website will also provide an update to reflect this consultation, what documents were submitted to the Board during the Oral Hearing together with the updated Book of Reference submitted to the Board on 12 June 2024 (all of which are now being put out to public consultation) and the timeframe for this consultation. TII's proposed text for this update is set out in the Appendix to this letter.

TII has also created a dedicated section within this site of certain Oral Hearing Documents that are screen-readable, to ensure that these documents are accessible for those with a visual impairment. The documents which will be uploaded to this section of the website are as follows (and have been selected following engagement between TII and VVI Ireland):

	DOCUMENT NAME
1.	Accessibility Statement (Day 18 - Thursday 21st March 2024)
2.	Metrolink Non-Technical Summary
3.	Legal Submission on Behalf of TII (Day 1 - Monday 19th February 2024)
4.	TII Opening Day Consolidated Slide Deck (Day 1 - Monday 19th February 2024)
5.	Witness Statement Aidan Foley (Day 1 - Monday 19th February 2024)
6.	Witness Statement Avril Challoner (Day 1 - Monday 19th February 2024)
7.	Witness Statement Michael Horan (Day 1 - Monday 19th February 2024)
8.	Witness Statement Paul Brown (Day 1 - Monday 19th February 2024)
9.	Witness Statement Rob Goodbody (Day 1 - Monday 19th February 2024)
10.	Witness Statement Ronan Hallissey (Day 1 - Monday 19th February 2024)
11.	Witness Statement Sandeep Upadhya (Day 1 - Monday 19th February 2024)
12.	Metrolink Architecture Station Integration and Common Components Overview Presentation (Day 15 - Wednesday 13th March 2024)

13.	Updates Appendix 10 Outline Mobility Management Plan (Day 1 - Monday 19th February 2024)
14.	Construction Work Sequence Grand Parade Drop Off (Day 20 - Tuesday 26th March 2024)
15.	Final Schedule of Additional Environmental Commitments (Day 21 - Wednesday 27th March 2024)
16.	Technical Note - Public Welfare Facilities Provision at Stations (Day 18 - Thursday 21st March 2024)

2 PUBLICATION OF NOTICE AND MAKING SUBMISSIONS

TII will publish newspaper notices informing the public of this second round of public consultation relative to the Oral Hearing Documents in the Irish Times and the Irish Independent newspapers, as well as in the Northside People West, the Southside People and Dublin People (in which newspapers notices of the original Railway Order application were advertised). Please note however that the Fingal Independent newspaper in which notice of the original Railway Order application was also advertised no longer exists.

This notice will be published in the Northside People West, the Southside People and Dublin People on 7 August 2024, the Irish Times on 8 August 2024, and Irish Independent on 9 August 2024.

This will state that the Oral Hearing Documents will be available for inspection (or for purchase upon payment of a specified fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy), at the following locations from 19 August 2024 to 8 October 2024 (which were the same locations at which the original Railway Order application documents were put on public display):

1. An Bord Pleanála offices at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 (Monday to Friday 9.15am-5.30pm);
2. Dublin City Council offices at Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8, D08 RF3F (Monday to Friday 9am-5pm);
3. Fingal County Council offices at County Hall, Main Street, Swords, County Dublin, K67 X8Y2 (Monday to Friday 9am-5pm);
4. Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) offices at Parkgate Business Centre, Parkgate Street, Dublin 8, D08 DK10 (Monday to Friday 9am-5pm);
5. National Transport Authority (NTA) offices at Dún Scéine, Harcourt Lane, Dublin 2, D02 WT20 (9.15am – 4pm Monday to Friday)
6. Ballymun Library, Ballymun Road, Dublin 11, D11 DCR7 (Monday-Thursday, 10am-8pm; Friday and Saturday 10am-5pm)

These notices will state that public submissions or observations in relation to the Oral Hearing Documents may be made in writing to the Board on or prior to 8 October 2024.

3 **ENGAGEMENT WITH PLANNING AUTHORITIES AND DESIGNATED BODIES**

TII will provide Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council, and each of the below bodies designated under s.39A of the Transport (Railway Infrastructure) Act 2001 with copies of the Documents being put out to public consultation:

- Department of Transport
- Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage -Development Applications Unit including,
 - National Parks & Wildlife Service section
 - Architectural Heritage Protection Unit
 - Archaeological-National Monuments Service
- Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications
- Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media
- An Chomhairle Ealaíon
- Fáilte Ireland
- An Taisce - the National Trust for Ireland
- Uisce Éireann
- The Heritage Council
- Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- Waterways Ireland
- National Transport Authority
- Health Service Executive
- Health and Safety Authority
- Commission for Regulation of Utilities
- Office of Public Works in Ireland

- ESB
- Environmental Protection Agency
- daa - Dublin Airport Authority
- EirGrid
- Coras Iompair Éireann - Dublin Bus, Bus Éireann, Iarnród Éireann
- The Commissioner for Public Works
- The Commissioner for Railway Regulation

We confirm that this is the same list of designated bodies on whom the original Railway Order application documents were provided in 2022.

TII will advise them that submissions or observations on the Oral Hearing Documents may be made to the Board in writing before 8 October 2024. As part of its prior consultation, TII agreed with the designated bodies to provide the Railway Order application documentation in electronic format and TII is liaising with these bodies to confirm that this continues to be their preferred approach for receipt of the Oral Hearing Documents.

We will submit copies of the relevant newspaper notices and notices to designated bodies to the Board as soon as these are available.

4 CROSS-CHECKING OF DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED DURING THE ORAL HEARING

We have carried out a review of the hard copy file at the Board's office of all documents which were submitted to the Inspectors during the course of the Oral Hearing. This was done for consistency to cross-check that all documents which were handed in to the Inspectors match what is on the MetroLink RO website and we confirm that this is the case.

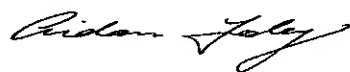
We trust the above at sections 1 - 4 of this letter satisfies the Board's requirements, but we would be grateful if you could confirm that this approach is in order. If the Board has any queries or wishes to raise any concerns, please let us know.

5 QUERY ON WHICH THE BOARD'S INSTRUCTIONS ARE REQUIRED

Please confirm whether a fee will be payable by members of the public who wish to make a further submission and whether this should be stated in our newspaper notice.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aidan Foley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

Aidan Foley

Project Director MetroLink

APPENDIX

UPDATE

Public consultation on information submitted during the MetroLink Oral Hearing

An oral hearing was held before An Bord Pleanála (the **Board**) from 19 February 2024 – 28 March 2024 into the application of National Roads Authority (operating as TII) for a Railway Order (**RO**) for the MetroLink project (the **Oral Hearing**).

Since over 17 months had passed since the submission of the RO application in September 2022, the Board requested a number of updates and further information to be submitted on Day 1 of the Oral Hearing on 19 February 2024. Over the course of the six-week Oral Hearing, further additional information was presented to the Board in response to queries from both the public and the Inspectors. Furthermore, pursuant to a Request for Further Information issued by the Board, TII submitted on 12 June 2024 an updated Book of Reference to the plan indicating the identity of the owners and occupiers of the lands described in the plan. All of the above additional documentation is collectively called the **Further Information**.

In order to ensure that the public has a sufficient opportunity to review, consider and comment on the Further Information, the Board has directed that TII provide for a secondary public consultation period. All of the Further Information is available to view online at the “Oral Hearing Documents for Second Round of Public Consultation” section on <https://www.metrolinkro.ie/> (see below). A hard copy of the Further Information will be available for inspection at the following locations from 19 August 2024 to 8 October 2024:

1. An Bord Pleanála offices at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902;
2. Dublin City Council offices at Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8, D08 RF3F;
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TII now invites submissions or observations on the Further Information from members of the public, affected landowners and designated bodies. Submissions can be made from 19 August 2024 to 8 October 2024, in writing to An Bord Pleanála. **[To be confirmed re fees with ABP]**.

A copy of the newspaper notices published in newspapers circulating along the MetroLink Route are available here; <https://www.metrolinkro.ie/>