

AN BORD PLEANÁLA
TRANSPORT (RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE) ACT 2001 (AS AMENDED AND SUBSTITUTED)
NOTICE OF FURTHER INFORMATION
AND
NOTICE OF AN EXTENSION TO THE CONSULTATION PERIOD
IN RELATION TO
APPLICATION FOR THE RAILWAY (METROLINK TO CHARLEMONT VIA DUBLIN AIRPORT)
ORDER [2022] (ABP Ref NA29N.314724)

1. Notice of further information

In accordance with Section 41(2)(a)(ii) of the Transport (Railway Infrastructure) Act 2001 (the "**Act**") and following requests made by An Bord Pleanála pursuant to section 41(1) and (2)(a) of the said Act, the National Roads Authority (operating as Transport Infrastructure Ireland) gives notice of the submission of information previously inadvertently omitted from the EIAR which accompanied the application for a railway order, which contains further information in relation to the likely effects on the environment of the proposed railway works.

The information omitted was a section of Appendix A9-2, being *Appendix A9-2-M Traffic and Transportation Assessment – St Stephen's Green Station*.

2. Notice of extension to the consultation period

The consultation period provided for in the notice published on 16th September 2022 pursuant to Section 40(1)(b) of the Act is now being extended beyond 25th November 2022 and will now conclude on 16th January 2023. The notice published on 16th September 2022 is available at <https://downloads.metrolink.ie/documentsro/FINAL%20ABP%20Cover%20Letter.pdf>

3. Matters consequent on notices 1 and 2 above

As stated in the notice of 16th September 2022, the Railway Order, if granted, will authorise the National Roads Authority (operating as Transport Infrastructure Ireland) to carry out railway works and all works necessary to enable the construction, operation, maintenance and improvement of a railway designated as a metro including inter alia the construction of a fully segregated and automated railway and metro mostly underground approximately 18.8km in length with 16 stations running from north of Swords at Estuary through Swords, Dublin Airport, Ballymun, Glasnevin and the City Centre to Charlemont in the south of Dublin City Centre.

The works will generally comprise but are not limited to the construction of a Railway approximately 18.8km in length which is mostly underground. It includes a 9.4km section of single bore tunnel running beneath Dublin City Centre running from Charlemont to Northwood Station and a 2.3km section of single bore tunnel running beneath Dublin Airport. Tunnel sections include intervention access facilities for emergency services at Dublin Airport, Albert College Park and just south of Charlemont Station, tunnel Portal structures will be provided at Northwood, Dardistown and Dublin Airport. North of Dublin Airport the railway will emerge from tunnel and will run at surface level and in cut and cover structures to Estuary Station. Surface running sections and cut and cover sections will include earthworks, the use of retained cut and cover structures, elevated sections plus miscellaneous drainage and accommodation works. A new 99m bridge will be constructed over the M50 and a 261m long multi-span Viaduct over the Broadmeadow and Ward River.

There will be a total of 16 stations, including 11 underground stations at Dublin Airport, Northwood, Ballymun, Collins Avenue, Griffith Park, Glasnevin, Mater, O'Connell Street, Tara, St. Stephen's Green and Charlemont; 4 retained cut stations at Seatown, Swords Central, Fosterstown and Dardistown and 1 at grade station at Estuary. A multi-storey 3000 space park and ride close to the M1 Motorway will be provided at Estuary Station, a maintenance depot is located near Dardistown Station which will house all the facilities required for the maintenance and operation of the MetroLink and its rolling stock and the Operational Control Centre.

The works will also include railway signalling, command and control and communications systems; provision of electrical substations; establishment of temporary construction compounds; establishment of temporary traffic management and road diversions; new and realigned access routes and road junction improvements; diversion of existing utilities; provision of new drainage infrastructure; provision of environmental mitigation measures; and other infrastructural modifications to facilitate the overall project.

The Railway Order, if granted, also includes powers for the National Roads Authority (operating as Transport Infrastructure Ireland) to acquire compulsorily land or rights in, under or over land or any substratum of land specified in the order; to temporarily acquire and occupy land specified in the order; to acquire easements and other rights over land specified in the order; to extinguish public and/or private rights including rights of way specified in the order; and provides for other rights over land.

The proposed railway works covered by the proposed Railway Order are subject to an environmental impact assessment procedure pursuant to the Act and a Natura Impact Statement will also be submitted

The supporting documentation accompanying the Railway Order application include the following:

1. A draft of the proposed Railway Order, entitled "Railway (Metrolink–Estuary to Charlemont via Dublin Airport) Order [2022]"

2. A plan of the proposed railway works and the land requirements for the railway works;
3. A book of reference to the plan, indicating the identity of the owners and occupiers of the lands described in the plan;
4. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), providing a systematic analysis and assessment of the significant effects of a proposed project on the receiving environment;
5. A Natura Impact Statement.

A copy of the draft Railway Order, the documentation accompanying the application and the further information may be inspected free of charge during normal office or opening hours from 25th November 2022 until the 16th January 2023 at:

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;
3. Fingal County Council offices at County Hall, Main Street, Swords, County Dublin, K67 X8Y2;
4. Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) offices at Parkgate Business Centre, Parkgate Street, Dublin 8, D08 DK10;
5. National Transport Authority (NTA) offices at Dún Scéine, Harcourt Lane, Dublin 2, D02 WT20 (9.15am – 4pm Monday to Friday)

The draft Railway Order, the documentation accompanying the application and the further information may also be viewed at: <https://www.metrolinkro.ie> from the 25th November 2022.

Purchase of Documentation

Copies or extracts from the documentation accompanying the application for the Railway Order or the further information may be purchased on payment of a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making such copy or extract from:

- Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), Parkgate Business Centre, Parkgate Street, Dublin 8, D08 DK10, Ireland

Such purchase requests may be sent to Transport Infrastructure Ireland, Parkgate Business Centre, Parkgate Street, Dublin 8, D08 DK10 or info@metrolink.ie or by calling 1800 333 777.

Written Submissions

An Bord Pleanála is the competent authority responsible for making the decision whether or not to grant the order, from which relevant information can be obtained and to which comments or questions can be submitted. An Bord Pleanála will consider any submissions by any persons, made in writing between 7th October 2022 and 5.30pm on 16th January 2023 and accompanied by a fee of €50 in relation to the draft Railway Order, the further information or in relation to the likely effects on the environment and the likely significant effects in the area concerned with European Sites if any, of the proposed railway works. This fee is not payable by certain prescribed bodies or by persons whose lands may be acquired under the

draft Railway Order and shall also not be payable by any person who had already made and paid the fee for a submission between 7th October 2022 and 25th November 2022.

Submissions must be lodged no later than 5.30pm on 16th January 2023 and must be addressed to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 and marked “Railway (Metrolink–Estuary to Charlemont via Dublin Airport) Order 2022”. Submissions can also be made on the An Bord Pleanála website at the following address: <https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/observations>

Oral Hearing

An Bord Pleanála may, at its absolute discretion, hold an oral hearing into the application for a Railway Order, under section 42 of the Act.

Judicial Review

A person may question the validity of the decision of An Bord Pleanála by way of an application for judicial review in accordance with section 47 and 47A of the Transport (Railway Infrastructure) Act 2001 (as amended and substituted) and under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts, 1986 (as amended) (S.I. No. 15 of 1986 as amended) and practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading ‘Legal Notices’ – ‘Judicial Review Notice’ on the Board’s website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizen’s Information website www.citizeninformation.ie.

Signed: Edel McCormack

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25 November 2022

Further information is available from:

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