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Observation on case reference: NA29N.314724 Estuary through Swords, Dublin Airport, Ballymun, Glasnevin and City Centre to Charlemont, Co. Dublin (Metrolink)				
1	Cover Letter	1	<p>For more than 20 years, the lack of adequate public transport infrastructure in Dublin has resulted in strong reliance in car-based commuting and hours of frustration for those with no other public transport option but infrequent buses trying to navigate inadequate bus lanes. The estimated 1.4m population by 2040 will dramatically further increase the need for transport to and through the city. Car-based commuting will continue to increase traffic congestion, noise emissions and air pollution and will make reaching our legal commitments of achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050 within the tranport sector will be impossible.</p> <p>The introduction of the Luas has been transformative for those lucky enough to live close to it but its limited range means it is only the saviour of the few, and of very limited use to residents in the north of the city.</p> <p>It is unthinkable for a capital city as prosperous as Dublin not to have a rapid rail link between the airport and the city centre and the Metrolink proposal is a well thought through solution to this need. It also has the potential to transform transport into the city for north side residents served by the line. While the current plan does not yet guarantee a connection south from Charlemont to link with or replace the green Luas, we hope this bridge will be crossed successfully in the future.</p>	<p>TII wish to thank you for taking the time to make this submission. Your positive support is gratefully appreciated, and for the reasons you have set out, TII are committed to realising the MetroLink Project to address the challenges highlighted and to deliver the benefits that MetroLink will bring.</p>