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Good morning Mark

I acknowledge receipt of your response document. It will be added to the file and taken into consideration in determining this case.

Kind regards
Eimear

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Eimear,

Please see **attached** reply in relation to Mr O'Brolcáin's updated submission.

As noted in the letter, our client has uploaded the correct submission onto its website.

Kind regards,
Mark

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Good morning Alan

As discussed by phone this morning, please see attached.

Kind regards
Eimear

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Railway (Metrolink – Estuary to Charlemont Via Dublin airport) Order [2022] Metrolink. Estuary through Swords, Dublin airport, Ballymun, Glasnevin, City Centre to Charlemont, County Dublin
Case reference: NA29N.314724
Our client: Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)

Dear An Coimisiún Pleanála

We refer to your email dated 22 July 2025, in which you enclosed an updated submission from Mr Dónal O'Brolcáin. We note that the Commission identified an error in the version of Mr O'Brolcáin's submission previously issued to us, following engagement by Mr O'Brolcáin himself. We understand that Mr O'Brolcáin contacted the Commission to report that the submission published on TII's dedicated MetroLink website differed from the version he had originally submitted to the Board (as it then was).

We confirm that the revised submission has been reviewed by TII and its consultants, Jacobs. TII and its expert advisers are satisfied that the differences between the original and updated versions of Mr O'Brolcáin's submission do not alter the substance of TII's previous analysis.

Having carefully reviewed this updated document, TII is satisfied that the differences are minimal and do not alter the substance of its previous analysis, which was provided in TII's response to submissions dated 9 December 2024. The core content, arguments, and data relied upon by Mr O'Brolcáin remain consistent between the two versions.

Our client and their experts' review has identified the following points:

- **Additional Footnotes:** The updated version appears to contain a small number of additional footnotes. Upon review however, the content of the footnotes in both versions is identical. The only distinction is a restart in the numbering from Footnote 6 onwards in the updated submission. This is purely a labelling difference and does not affect TII's original analysis or conclusions.
- **Insertion of Table 3:** Table 3, which presents CSO data for the eastern route variation, has been inserted at page 41 in the updated submission. This table was previously included out of context at page 38 in the original submission. However, the contents of Table 3 in both versions are in fact the same. Again, this does not alter TII's original response.

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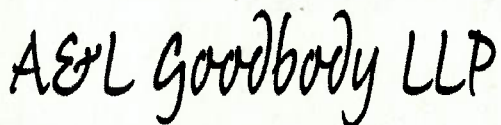
There are no new sections or arguments in the updated submission. The structure, appendices, and core narrative remain unchanged. The alternative proposals (North City LUAS loop, Eastern Variation Route), the critique of NTA/TII data handling, and the demographic analysis are all present in both versions, with no substantive additions.

In summary, the updated submission from Mr O'Brolcáin does not necessitate any revision to TII's previous assessment or conclusions because the substantive content, arguments and data in the updated submission are essentially the same as the version sent to us originally by the Commission. The minor differences identified do not impact the substance of our client's analysis, nor do they introduce any new material considerations. TII and its expert advisers are therefore satisfied that the original response does not need to be changed and that its existing response comprehensively addresses the points raised in Mr O'Brolcáin's submission.

Should the Commission require any further clarification or wish to discuss any aspect of TII's review, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Finally, TII has updated its dedicated website to include the correct version of Mr O'Brolcáin's submission. This updated submission has been uploaded under the section "Submissions received during the Second Round of Public Consultation," replacing the previously provided version.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A&L Goodbody LLP". The script is cursive and fluid, with the letters "A", "L", and "G" being particularly prominent.

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