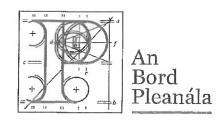
Case Number: ABP-314724-22



Minister for Transport Leeson Lane Dublin 2 D02 TR60

Date: 23 November 2022

Re: Railway (Metrolink - Estuary to Charlemont via Dublin Airport) Order [2022]

Estuary through Swords, Dublin Airport, Ballymun, Glasnevin and City Centre to Charlemont, Co.

Dublin

Dear Sir / Madam.

I refer to the current application to An Bord Pleanála by the Railway Procurement Agency for a railway order in respect of the above mentioned proposed development. An Bord Pleanála notes that the application was forwarded to you by the applicant in accordance with section 40 of the Transport (Railway Infrastructure) Act, 2001, as amended.

Section 44(4) of the aforementioned 2001 Act provides that the Board may, with the consent of the Minister for Transport in a railway order designate the order to which the order relates as a light railway or as a metro.

In this case, the applicant has included an article (article 4) in the draft railway order providing that the railway be designated as a metro. The Board would now therefore require that you indicate in writing whether you consent to such designation is given or otherwise.

It has come to the attention of the Board that it is no longer a requirement to obtain consent of the Minister to the proposed acquisition of rights relating to public roads as specified in any railway order.

A response to this letter should be forwarded to the Board within 4 weeks from the date of this letter i.e. not later than the 21st December, 2022.

More detailed information in relation to strategic infrastructure development can be viewed on the Board's website: www.pleanala.ie.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board. Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any telephone contact or correspondence with the Board.

Email

rs faithfully,

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