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## Oral Hearing Agenda

**ABP-314724-22**

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| <b>Case</b>       | <b>Railway (MetroLink – Estuary to Charlemont via Dublin Airport) Order Application</b> |
| <b>Start Date</b> | <b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>   |
| <b>Start Time</b> | <b>10:00 a.m. (9:30 a.m. from Day 2 onward)</b>   |
| <b>Location</b>   | <b>Gresham Hotel, O’Connell Street, Dublin 1</b>  |

### **Day 1: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

#### **Opening of oral hearing by the Inspector**

#### **Submission by TII (Applicant)**

- Brief overview of proposed development (15 minutes)
- Address the matters set out in Appendix 1 (4 hours max.)

#### **Submissions by Planning Authorities**

- Fingal County Council (30 minutes)
- Dublin City Council (30 minutes)

#### **Submissions by Prescribed Bodies**

- Development Applications Unit (Dept. of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)  
(35 minutes)
- An Taisce (15 minutes)

- Office of Public Works (10 minutes for introduction. See also days 5 and 16)
- Uisce Eireann (TBC)
- Other prescribed bodies (TBC)

## **Day 2: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

### **Submissions by Prescribed Bodies (Continued):**

- Dublin Airport (2 hours)

### **Submissions by Elected Representatives:**

- Senator Marie Sherlock (20 minutes)
- Senator Michael McDowell (1 hour)
- Duncan Smyth TD (30 minutes)
- Jim O'Callaghan TD (20 minutes)
- Cllr Yvonne Collins (15 minutes)
- Other elected representatives (TBC)

## **Module 1: The Following Matters Only:**

**1. Tunnelling and Excavation Related Issues (Groundborne Noise and Vibration, Hydrogeological and soils impacts, settlement, property damage etc.)**

**2. Airborne Noise and Vibration**

## **Day 3: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024**

### **AZ1 Northern Section (Estuary Station, Car Park, Alignment as far as Dublin Airport North Portal)**

- Deirdre Byrne and Family (15 minutes)
- Estuary Court Residents Association (1 hour)

- Seatown Villas Residents (10 minutes)
- Hertz Europe Service Centre Limited (20 minutes)
- Devonmill Limited (15 minutes)
- Hammerson ICAV (30 minutes)
- O'Scanaill Veterinary Hospital (30 minutes)

#### **AZ2 Airport Section**

- None

#### **AZ3 Dardistown Section (Dublin Airport South Portal, Depot, Alignment as far as Northwood)**

- LIDL Ireland GmbH (30 minutes)
- Mouna Unlimited Company (1 hour)

#### **AZ4(a) Northwood Portal and Tunnel as far as Collins Avenue Station**

- Paul Cusack on behalf of residents of 153 Ballymun Road (20 minutes)

#### **AZ4(b) Collins Avenue Station and Tunnel as far as Griffith Park Station**

- Frances Maguire (10 minutes)
- Hampstead Residents CLG (1 hour)

#### **Day 4: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024**

#### **AZ4(b) Collins Avenue Station and Tunnel as far as Griffith Park Station (Continued)**

- K. Smyth & M. McDonnell, J. Ryan & C. Ryan, P. Rutledge (1 hour)
- Louise Boughton and Glenn Sharpe (20 minutes)
- Our Lady of Victories Campus (1 hour)
- GADRA (Griffith Ave. and District Residents Association) (30 minutes)

## **Inspectorate Questions**

### **Day 5: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

- **Office of Public Works:**

(1 Georges Quay and others; 13-14 Burgh Quay Offices; 14-17 Moore Street, 8-9 Moore Lane; 16 Parnell Square; 22-25 Clare Street; 44-45 O'Connell Street; 52 St Stephens Green; 9-15 O'Connell Street; Apartments 1-8 Clare Court; Ballymun Garda District Headquarters and INTREO Office; Department of Enterprise, Trade and others; Department of Finance; Department of Justice 50-51 St Stephens Green; Garden of Remembrance; Government Buildings Block; Headquarters of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine; Iveagh House - Department of Foreign Affairs; Leinster House Complex; Mobhi Road Complex; National Concert Hall Complex; National Gallery of Ireland; Natural History Museum; National Library of Ireland; National Museum of Ireland; St Stephens Green Buildings; St Stephens Green House; St Stephens Green Park; The General Post Office)

### **Day 6: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

#### **AZ4(c) Griffith Park Station and Tunnel as far as Glasnevin Station**

- Anne Confrey (10 minutes)
- Anne G Meehan (1 hour)
- Prospect Architectural Conservation Area (20 minutes)
- Dympna Rooney (15 minutes)
- Lorraine Rooney (10 minutes)
- Lesley Hewson (15 minutes)

#### **AZ4(d) Glasnevin Station and Tunnel as far as Mater Station**

- Hedigans Limited (Michael and Peter Hedigan) (30 minutes)
- Management Company Board on behalf of The Court (15 minutes)
- Fiona O'Kelly (10 minutes)
- Mark Campbell and Aimee O'Farrell (10 minutes)
- Marie McMahon (15 minutes)
- Vincent Harrison and others (15 minutes)

**AZ4(e) Mater Station and Tunnel as far as O'Connell Street Station**

- Andrew Conlon and Maeve Fitzpatrick (10 minutes)
- Berkeley Road Services and Traders Association (15 minutes)
- Breda Scully (5 minutes)
- Brendan Flanagan (5 minutes)
- District 7 Community Alliance (15 minutes)
- Owners of 9, 10 and 11 Nelson Street (15 minutes)
- Mater Misericordiae and the Childrens University Hospitals (1 hour)

**Day 7: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**AZ4(e) Mater Station and Tunnel as far as O'Connell Street Station (Continued)**

- Millenium Theatre Company (45 minutes)
- The Rotunda Hospital (30 minutes)

**AZ4(f) O'Connell Street Station and Tunnel as far as Tara Station**

- Dublin Central GP Limited (1 hour)
- The Abbey Theatre (Amharclann na Mainistreach) (45 minutes)
- Wynn's Hotel (1 hour)

**AZ4(g) Tara Station and Tunnel as far as St Stephen's Green Station**

- Alstead Securities Limited (30 minutes)
- Tom Corr Clients at College Gate Apartments (30 minutes):  
(Bart and Patricia Broderick; Cathal Duffy; Dermot and Doris Healy; Eanna Coffey; John & Majella Darcy; Karl Egan; Maria Elena Garcia Valasco; Martin Sheridan; Nicola Brait and Greta Tumiatti; Townsend Apartment Management Company Limited; Veronica Jane O'Mara)
- Espirit Investments Limited (30 minutes)
- Greybitch Limited (15 minutes)
- Tanat Limited (30 minutes)

#### **Day 8: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

##### **AZ4(g) Tara Station and Tunnel as far as St Stephen's Green Station (Continued)**

- Trinity College Dublin (4 hours) (Note to TCD and applicant: Electromagnetic interference to be addressed in this submission.)

##### **AZ4(h) St Stephen's Green Station and Tunnel as far as Charlemont Station**

- Earldev Properties Unlimited Company (2 hours)
- Earlsfort Basin Limited (1 hour)

#### **Day 9: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

##### **AZ4(h) St Stephen's Green Station and Tunnel as far as Charlemont Station (Continued)**

- Declan Ryan (15 minutes)
- Niall Sudway Clients at Harcourt Terrace (1 hour):  
(Emma Kelly; Leonard Kinsella; Patricia Whyte; Will Phelan)
- Hines Real Estate Ireland Limited (45 minutes)
- Irish Life Assurance plc. (45 minutes)

- Jerdip Properties Unlimited Company (1 hour)
- RGRE Burlington Limited and RGRE Harcourt Terrace Limited (30 minutes)

**AZ4(i) Charlemont Station and Tunnel Turnback**

- Charlemont and Dartmouth Community (Dartmouth Road) (1 hour)
- Charlemont and Dartmouth Community (Dartmouth Square West) (1 hour)
- Charlemont and Dartmouth Community (General Area) (15 minutes)

**Day 10: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**AZ4(i) Charlemont Station and Tunnel Turnback (Continued)**

- Grand Parade Property Trading Company DAC (10 minutes)
- Union Investment Real Estate GmbH (1 hour)
- Ciaran Black and Leon McCarthy (30 minutes)
- Conor and Lorraine Power (30 minutes)
- Denis McLoughlin and Teresa Reid (10 minutes)
- Geraldine Ann Cusack and Geraldine O'Connell Cusack (5 minutes)
- Grace Maguire (30 minutes)
- John and Josianne Bullows (30 minutes)
- John Conway and Orlaith McCarthy (15 minutes)
- John Loughrey (10 minutes)
- Leo and Anne Crehan (30 minutes)
- Michael A Doyle and Carmel Smith Doyle (1 hour)
- Muiris O'Dwyer (15 minutes)
- Suzi Taylor (10 minutes)

**General or Relating to Multiple Assessment Zones**

- Andrew Whelan (10 minutes)

- Donal O'Brolcain (10 minutes)
- Frank McDonald (30 minutes)

**Day 11: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Inspectorate Questions**

**End of Module 1**

## **Module 2: All Other Matters**

**(Including Land/Property Acquisition Issues)**

**Day 12: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**AZ1 Northern Section (Estuary Station, Car Park, Alignment as far as Dublin Airport North Portal)**

- Bovale Developments ULC (1 hour)
- Deirdre Byrne and Family (15 minutes)
- Estuary Court Residents Association (1 hour)
- Fingallians GAA Club (10 minutes)
- Hertz Europe Service Centre Limited (20 minutes)
- Rohan Holdings Limited (1 hour)
- Seatown Villas Residents (20 minutes)
- Devonmill Limited (15 minutes)
- Hammerson ICAV (1 hour)
- J Murphy (Developments) Limited (1 hour)



**Day 13: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**AZ1 Northern Section (Estuary to Dublin Airport North Portal) (Continued)**

- October Investments Limited (20 minutes)
- O'Scanaill Veterinary Hospital (1 hour)

**AZ2 Airport Section**

- None

**AZ3 Dardistown Section (Dublin Airport South Portal, Depot, Alignment as far as Northwood)**

- Hugo Byrne C/O John Byrne (1 hour)
- LIDL Ireland GmbH (30 minutes)
- Mouna Unlimited Company (1 hour)
- Sainfoin Property Company Limited (2 hours)
- BORG Developments and JOM Investments (15 minutes)

**Day 14: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**AZ4(a) Northwood Portal and Tunnel as far as Collins Avenue Station**

- Paul Cusack on behalf of residents of 153 Ballymun Road (20 minutes)

**AZ4(b) Collins Avenue Station and Tunnel as far as Griffith Park Station**

- Frances Maguire (10 minutes)
- Hampstead Residents CLG (1 hour)
- K. Smyth & M. McDonnell, J. Ryan & C. Ryan, P. Rutledge (1 hour)
- Louise Boughton and Glenn Sharpe (20 minutes)
- Our Lady of Victories Campus (2 hours)
- GADRA (Griffith Ave. and District Residents Association) (30 minutes)

**AZ4(c) Griffith Park Station and Tunnel as far as Glasnevin Station**

- Anne Confrey (10 minutes)
- Anne G Meehan (30 minutes)
- Prospect Architectural Conservation Area (20 minutes)
- Dymphna Rooney (15 minutes)
- Lorraine Rooney (10 minutes)
- Lesley Hewson (15 minutes)

**Day 15: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**AZ4(d) Glasnevin Station and Tunnel as far as Mater Station**

- Bindford Limited (1 hour)
- Farrier Technology Limited (15 minutes)
- Hedigans Limited (Michael and Peter Hedigan) (2 hours)
- Iona and District Residents Association (10 minutes)
- Management Company Board on behalf of The Court (20 minutes)
- Fiona O'Kelly (10 minutes)
- Marie McMahon (15 minutes)
- Royal Canal Clean-Up Group (10 minutes)
- Sarah Meredith (10 minutes)
- Shandon Mill Owners Management Company CLG (1 hour)
- Shandon Residents Association (15 minutes)
- Vincent Harrison and others (15 minutes)

**AZ4(e) Mater Station and Tunnel as far as O'Connell Street Station**

- Andrew Conlon and Maeve Fitzpatrick (10 minutes)
- Berkeley Road Services and Traders Association (15 minutes)

- Breda Scully (5 minutes)
- Brendan Flanagan (5 minutes)

#### **Day 16: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

- **Office of Public Works:**

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#### **Day 17: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

##### **AZ4(e) Mater Station and Tunnel as far as O'Connell Street Station (Continued)**

- District 7 Community Alliance (20 minutes)
- Mater Misericordiae and the Childrens University Hospitals (1 hour)
- Millenium Theatre Company (30 minutes)
- The Rotunda Hospital (1 hour)

##### **AZ4(f) O'Connell Street Station and Tunnel as far as Tara Station**

- Dublin Central GP Limited (2 hours)
- The Abbey Theatre (Amharclann na Mainistreach) (45 minutes)

**AZ4(g) Tara Station and Tunnel as far as St Stephen's Green Station**

- Alstead Securities Limited (30 minutes)
- Greybirch Limited (15 minutes)

**Day 18: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**AZ4(g) Tara Station and Tunnel as far as St Stephen's Green Station (Continued)**

- Voice of Vision Impairment (1 hour)
- Aine Wellard (30 minutes)
- Tom Corr Clients at College Gate Apartments (2 hours):  
(Bart and Patricia Broderick; Cathal Duffy; Dermot and Doris Healy; Eanna Coffey; John & Majella Darcy; Karl Egan; Maria Elena Garcia Valasco; Martin Sheridan; Nicola Brait and Greta Tumiatti; Townsend Apartment Management Company Limited; Veronica Jane O'Mara)
- John and Majella Darcy (10 minutes)
- Nicola Brait and Greta Tumiatti (10 minutes)
- Townsend Apartment Management Company Limited (10 minutes)
- Save Markievicz Pool & Gym Campaign (John Dean) (2 hours)
- Trinity College Dublin (1 hour)

**Day 19: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

**AZ4(h) St Stephen's Green Station and Tunnel as far as Charlemont Station**

- Bernard Seymour (20 minutes)
- Eardev Properties Unlimited Company (1 hour)
- Earlsfort Basin Limited (1 hour)
- Declan Ryan (15 minutes)
- Niall Sudway Clients at Harcourt Terrace (1 hour):

(Emma Kelly; Leonard Kinsella; Patricia Whyte; Will Phelan)

- Hines Real Estate Ireland Limited (45 minutes)
- Irish Life Assurance plc. (45 minutes)
- Jerdip Properties Unlimited Company (1 hour)
- RGRE Burlington Limited and RGRE Harcourt Terrace Limited (1 hour)

**Day 20: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**AZ4(h) St Stephen's Green Station and Tunnel as far as Charlemont Station**

**(Continued)**

- Records Residents Association (30 minutes)
- Metro South West Group (1 hour)

**AZ4(i) Charlemont Station and Tunnel Turnback**

- Charlemont and Dartmouth Community (Dartmouth Road) (1 hour)
- Charlemont and Dartmouth Community (Dartmouth Square West) (1 hour)
- Charlemont and Dartmouth Community (General Area) (1 hour)
- Union Investment Real Estate GmbH (2 hours)
- Grand Parade Property Trading Company DAC (10 minutes)

**Day 21: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**AZ4(i) Charlemont Station and Tunnel Turnback (Continued)**

- Brendan Heneghan (30 minutes)
- Caitriona Shaffrey (20 minutes)
- Ciaran Black and Leon McCarthy (30 minutes)
- Conor and Lorraine Power (30 minutes)
- Geraldine Ann Cusack and Geraldine O'Connell Cusack (5 minutes)
- Grace Maguire (45 minutes)

- John and Josianne Bullows (30 minutes)
- John Conway and Orlaith McCarthy (15 minutes)
- John Loughrey (10 minutes)
- Leo and Anne Crehan (30 minutes)
- Michael A Doyle and Carmel Smith Doyle (1 hour)
- Muiris O'Dwyer (15 minutes)
- Suzi Taylor (10 minutes)
- Rethink MetroLink (30 minutes)

#### **Day 22: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

##### **General or Relating to Multiple Assessment Zones**

- ACRA Association of Combined Residents Association (1 hour)
- Andrew Whelan (10 minutes)
- Donal O'Brolcain (1 hour)
- Dublin Commuter Coalition (10 minutes)
- Dublin Cycling Campaign (20 minutes)
- Frank McDonald (30 minutes)
- Nicholas Mansergh (50 minutes)
- Peter Twamley (10 minutes)
- Richard Guiney (15 minutes)
- Ruadhan MacEoin (20 minutes)

##### **Inspectorate Questions**

#### **Day 23: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

##### **Inspectorate Questions (Continued, if necessary)**

**Concluding Remarks (Max. 5 minutes per party)**

These shall be made in the following order:

- Observers (in reverse order)
- Elected representatives
- Prescribed Bodies
- Planning Authorities
- Applicant

## **Appendix 1: Matters to be Addressed by Applicant**

1. Identify any errata or proposed changes, modifications or updates as required, including Draft Railway Order, associated Schedules and property drawings.
2. Submit copies of any agreements made for the purposes of the Thirteenth Schedule of the Draft Railway Order.
3. Address implications of any policy changes since lodgement of the application (e.g. Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028, Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029, Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy 2022-2042, Climate Action Plan, National Biodiversity Action Plan etc.).
4. Address implications of any relevant legislative or guidance updates since lodgement of the application (e.g. TII Carbon Tool and Ambient Air Quality Standards Regulations 2023).
5. Identify additional projects permitted since lodgement of the application for the purposes of assessment of cumulative impacts and in-combination effects.
6. Address potential implications of the designation of the North West Irish Sea cSPA with regard to both Appropriate Assessment and the Biodiversity assessment contained in the EIAR. Identify if there have been any changes (e.g. Conservation Objectives or qualifying interests) for any relevant European Site.
7. Provide a list of all other consents, licences and approvals that will be required for the proposed development.
8. Present the following:
  - Property Owner Protection Scheme.
  - Collins Avenue Station: Environmental Assessment Report of the Options.
  - Approach to the proposed Asset Protection Policy.
  - MetroLink Land Acquisition Strategy (referenced in Chapter 21 of EIAR).



- Stakeholder and Community Engagement Plan (referenced in Chapter 5 of EIAR).
- MetroLink Preferred Route Design Development Report 2019.
- Proposed approach to monitoring, communications and risk management during the construction phase, including respective roles and responsibilities of contractor(s) and TII.
- Overview of the fire safety, emergency and evacuation strategies (to include basis for, and location of, 1 No. intervention shaft at Albert College Park as proposed and the need for separate fire brigade/emergency services lifts at each underground station).
- Character appraisal/impact assessment of Santry Lodge and its curtilage.

**Note:** The applicant is requested to ensure that they have sufficient printed copies of any documentation to be submitted at the oral hearing for circulation to attendees. Any such documentation should also be uploaded to the application website ([www.metrolinkro.ie](http://www.metrolinkro.ie)) on the day that it is submitted to the hearing. An electronic version of documentation should also be made available in screen accessible format.

## **Appendix 2: Notes to all Parties**

1. Please note that you may attend the Oral Hearing even if you do not wish to take part in it.
2. The hearing is divided into modules and geographical areas as set out in the Agenda. **Module 1 is limited to the listed topics only. These topics will not be permitted to be raised in Module 2.**
3. If you are not on the Agenda but you wish to make a request to make an oral submission, please approach the Board's administrative team on the first day of the hearing. The Inspector will consider your request and has ultimate discretion as to whether or not the request can be facilitated. If your request is approved, and you have not previously made a valid written submission, this may be subject to a fee of €50 which must be paid in cash on the day.
4. Each submission to the Oral Hearing shall comprise solely of a response to the Applicant's written response to your submission received by An Bord Pleanála and available on the application website ([www.metrolinkro.ie](http://www.metrolinkro.ie)). You may also respond to any matters raised by the applicant in their submission at the start of the oral hearing.
5. Questioning shall follow each individual submission to the Oral Hearing and the time allocated to each party in the Agenda includes for any such questions.
6. Submissions will only be heard within the appropriate geographical area. Once the hearing has moved on to the next area, no further submissions relating to previous areas will be permitted within that Module.
7. The Agenda is intended to be strictly adhered to. However, due to the scale and nature of the oral hearing, it may be subject to variation if the Inspector determines it is necessary to do so. In such an event, an updated Agenda will be placed on the Board's website ([www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie)) as the hearing progresses.
8. There is no obligation on any party to make a submission to the Oral Hearing or to ask questions. All written submissions already received will be considered by the Inspector and the Board. For this reason, submissions previously made in writing will not be permitted to be repeated at the Oral Hearing.

9. Any legal arguments should be made as part of the submission made by the relevant party.
10. You are reminded that the Board has no role or jurisdiction in the determination or the assessment of compensation and that any submission made to the Hearing should bear this in mind. No discussion regarding compensation will be facilitated.
11. Written statements may be submitted to the Hearing. However, there is no obligation on persons appearing at the Hearing to do so. If such statements are submitted, it shall be necessary to have sufficient copies available for circulation to other parties. This would also apply to any document/plan/drawing presented to the Hearing. Six copies of any written documentation should also be submitted for the Board file.
12. No party is required to make concluding remarks. These should not be a further exposition of the case made by the party and should not introduce new information or legal arguments.
13. On completion of the Oral Hearing, the Inspector will prepare a report and recommendation on the case for the Board. The decision to approve or not to approve the Railway Order will be made by the Board.
14. The Board may direct the payment of a contribution towards the costs to any person appearing at an Oral Hearing, which have been incurred by that person, as a consequence of appearing at the Hearing. Any payment will be at the Board's discretion. Any application for costs should be made in writing to the Board within three weeks of the closing date of this hearing.