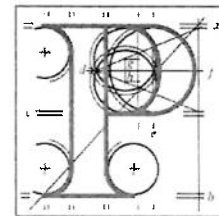


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c/o Gerald Curley  
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**Date:** 02 October 2024

**Re:** Railway (Metrolink - Estuary to Charlemont via Dublin Airport) Order [2022]  
Metrolink. Estuary through Swords, Dublin Airport, Ballymun, Glasnevin and City Centre to  
Charlemont, Co. Dublin

Dear Sir / Madam,


An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned case. The contents of your submission have been noted.

More detailed information in relation to strategic infrastructure development can be viewed on the Board's website: [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie).

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board at [laps@pleanala.ie](mailto:laps@pleanala.ie)

Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024 10:44 AM

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Dear Secretary,

Please find attached Fingal County Council submission the Metrolink Railway Order 2022 - ABP-314724-22 Second Consultation.

Please issue a acknowledge of this email and attached letter.

Thanks and Regards,

**Gerald Curley**

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2nd Oct 2024

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By email; [sids@pleanala.ie](mailto:sids@pleanala.ie)

**Re: ABP-314724-22 Metrolink Railway Order 2022 – Second Consultation**

Dear Secretary,

We refer to the application for a railway order under Section 47D(1)(b) of the Transport (Railway Infrastructure) Act, 2001, as amended, in respect of further submissions or observations in relation to materials submitted to the Oral Hearing for Metrolink Railway Order 2022 - Second Consultation.

Fingal County Council welcomes the opportunity to make a written submission on the second consultation for the Railway Order 2022 for Metrolink.

Fingal County Council wishes to reaffirm its full support for the development of the MetroLink project. The project represents an important shift in how communities will embrace sustainable travel, with long term benefits for the social, economic, environmental, and cultural assets of our county.

MetroLink will deliver high capacity, high frequency, high-quality sustainable transport infrastructure between Swords, Dublin Airport and Dublin City. Fingal will seek to maximize opportunities created in the delivery of this key infrastructure, in the interests of the economy and well-being of the county's residential, business and employment populations.

Essentially, Fingal County Council believes MetroLink will:

- Support Fingal in becoming climate resilient, reducing private car use, and enable a reduction in transport related carbon emissions in line with sustainable mobility.
- Act as a catalyst for future economic and physical development of the county and the wider Metropolitan Area of Dublin, providing a strategic development corridor linking Swords through Dublin Airport to Dublin City Centre.
- Create fairer and more equitable access to employment opportunities, education, health, goods, and services, enabling all individuals to participate in activities in their communities.

- Support and encourage connectivity and permeability brought about by active travel and sustainable transport along the Metrolink corridor, notably at each metro stations. This in turn aligns with and complements objectives of the R132 Connectivity Project which is designed to improve connectivity and safety of pedestrians/cyclists utilising the R132 and provide enhanced facilities for all road users, with benefits for sustainable transport modes.

Optimum connectivity between MetroLink, Bus Connects and the R132 Connectivity Project is necessary in order to achieve a seamless transition between these schemes and in order to fulfil key aims and objectives of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029, particularly with regard to the integration of land use and transportation, and in the achievement of high levels of permeability, connectivity and sustainable development within Fingal.

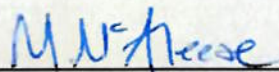
The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 Written Statement and maps specifically identifies the route of MetroLink and its associated stations. The alignment of the Railway Order is reflective of the Development Plan maps and the principle of the route is compliant with policies, objectives and land use zoning requirements of the Fingal Development Plan.

Since Fingal County Council's written submission to An Bord Pleanála in June 2023 regarding the Metrolink Railway Order 2022, Fingal County Council and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) have engaged further in relation to the project, resulting in suggested minor revisions to requested conditions have been agreed and submitted as part of the Oral Hearing Documents; Day 09: Book 1 of 1 – Letter from TII to Fingal County Council dated 1 March 2024 regarding Railway Order Condition.

## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, Fingal County Council welcomes the application for a Railway Order for Metrolink, and the consultation stages to date and is confident of the significant benefits it will bring to Fingal and the wider Dublin region. Fingal County Council would also like to acknowledge the Metrolink team's meaningful and constructive engagement with Fingal County Council professional and technical staff over recent months.

Yours faithfully,



Matthew McAleese, Director of Services  
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department