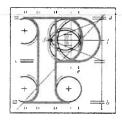
Our Case Number: ABP-314724-22

Your Reference: McGreevy and Taylor Families



An Bord Pleanála

Pearse Mehigan & Company 83/84 Upper Georges Street Dun Laoghaire Co. Dublin

Date: 10 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 letter in relation to the above mentioned case. The contents of your letter have been noted.

Please be advised that those listed on the Railway Order schedule associated with this application are not required to pay the €50 fee associated with this case. As your clients are listed on the schedule, a refund of €50 will be issued to the debit/credit card used to make payment for this submission

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 at laps@pleanala.ie

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

Yours faithfully,

Kevin McGettigan Executive Officer

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8 October 2024

An Bord Pleanála 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1. D01 V902

BY HAND AND EMIAL

RE: RAILWAY (METROLINK-ESTUARY TO CHARLEMONT VIA DUBLIN **AIRPORT) ORDER 2022**

Hugh McGreevy, Conor McGreevy, Ellen McGreevy, Emma McGreevy, Peter McGreevy, Robert McGreevy, Matthew Taylor, Darren Taylor, Ciara McGreevy

PLOT REFERENCES:

Dear Sir/Madam,

ML 1S-A17:

840 sq. metres

ML 1S-A18:

840 sq. metres

ML 1T- A2: 9,837 sq. metres

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Time: 1439 By: HAWP

We refer to the public notice published in the Irish Times newspaper on Thursday, August 8, 2024 in connection with the above CPO and to the oral hearing that took place in March 2024.

We act on behalf of the Taylor and McGreevy families, who are the freehold owners of the site edged in red on the attached Land Registry site plan, Folio number 7527.

The site, which extends to 1.86 hectares, is located on the west side of the Dublin Road (R132) at Pinnock Hill, Swords, in North County Dublin.

The site is located within the built-up area of Swords, approximately 1km south of the town centre, and immediately adjacent to the Airside Retail Park. Dublin Airport is located approximately 3 kilometers to the south.

The site comprises an undeveloped green-field under pasture bounded by hedgerows and includes a section of frontage onto the Dublin Road (the R132) measuring approximately 170 metres.

The site extends to approximately 1.86 hectares, and Transportation Infrastructure Ireland (TII) is proposing to permanently acquire approximately 1.068 hectares (57%) of the site. The area of the site subject to the Order consists of a strip of land adjacent to the R132 for the full extents of the R132 road frontage. The lands are currently accessed via a single access off the R132 and do not benefit from any other public road frontage nor any other access points. The Order in its current form, removes the only access to the lands, resulting in them being landlocked with no means of access. It is further noted that the lands are zoned for development under the current Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029.

Pearse Mehigan B.A. Sharyn Coghlan B.A. Dip. L.S.

Karen Lydon B.C.L. Peter Boylan Fiona McAllister B.Ed Dr Ann Olivarius Practice Manager: Marian Lee B.A. MSc.

Fingal County Council recognises the need for the prescribed development in this area, this being proven by their current zoning objectives. Not only will the Order result in the lands being inaccessible in the immediate term but the Order proposal will also obviate any future development or indeed any access to the overall holding.

The site is zoned High Technology (HT) under the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 "To provide for office, research and development, and high technology manufacturing type employment in a high-quality built and landscaped environment."

We understand that our clients did have some initial engagement with representatives from TII approximately 2-3 years ago to discuss the acquisition of their lands. Unfortunately, they had no professional representation at those meetings and were unaware that no development access was being provided into their retained lands. They had mistakenly understood that a new access would be provided into the balance of their holding via the proposed new Fosterstown Station, but this is obviously not the case.

We would like to point out to An Bord Pleanála that my Clients did attend the oral hearing, which took place in March 2024, but the representatives from TII who attended that hearing would not engage because my clients had not made a formal written submission.

We are of the firm belief that the stopping up or removal of any private means of access to a development site of this nature is unacceptable and irrational where it is not replaced with an alternative and viable means of access.

Moreover, the extent of the permanent acquisition to facilitate the proposed Fosterstown Station is grossly excessive and far in excess of what is required.

Therefore, the proposed compulsory purchase order is unfair, unjust, and bad in law, and we have been instructed by our clients to take whatever steps are necessary to have our concerns addressed either by An Bord Pleanála or through the Courts.

For the avoidance of doubt, our clients and their professional advisers are available to meet with representatives from TII to agree on an alternative access to serve the balance of their holding.

Please acknowledge receipt of this submission.

Yours faithfully,

Pearse Mehigan

Pearse Mehigan Solicitors LLP

