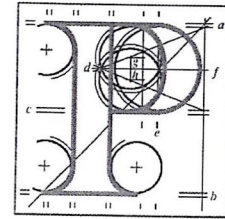


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Date: 18 January 2023

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 (including your fee of €50) in relation to the above-mentioned proposed Railway Order and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

The Board will revert to you in due course with regard to the matter.

Please be advised that copies of all submissions/observations received in relation to the application will be made available for public inspection at the offices of the relevant County Council(s) and at the offices of An Bord Pleanála when they have been processed by the Board.

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 the meantime, please contact the undersigned. 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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Jan 15 2023

Observation on Case reference: NA29N.314724 Estuary through Swords, Dublin Airport, Ballymun, Glasnevin and City Centre to Charlemont, Co. Dublin (Metrolink)

Dear Sir/Madam,

As residents of Dublin City, we wish to submit the following observation in support of the proposed construction of the Metrolink.

For more than 20 years, the lack of adequate public transport infrastructure in Dublin has resulted in strong reliance in car-based commuting and hours of frustration for those with no other public transport option but infrequent buses trying to navigate inadequate bus lanes. The estimated 1.4m population by 2040 will dramatically further increase the need for transport to and through the city. Car-based commuting will continue to increase traffic congestion, noise emissions and air pollution and will make reaching our legal commitments of achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050 within the transport sector will be impossible.

The introduction of the Luas has been transformative for those lucky enough to live close to it but its limited range means it is only the saviour of the few, and of very limited use to residents in the north of the city.

It is unthinkable for a capital city as prosperous as Dublin not to have a rapid rail link between the airport and the city centre and the Metrolink proposal is a well thought through solution to this need. It also has the potential to transform transport into the city for north side residents served by the line. While the current plan does not yet guarantee a connection south from Charlemont to link with or replace the green Luas, we hope this bridge will be crossed successfully in the future.

Although it will take 10 more years for Metrolink to be constructed, we are already 30 years late in starting the project so the sooner it gets approval the better for all Dublin residents and visitors.

We therefore hope the Board sees fit to give the proposal immediate approval. The required submission fee for this observation has been paid online.

Yours faithfully



Dan Coulcher and Paula Fyans