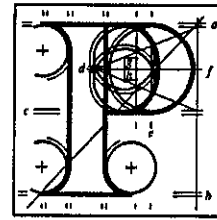


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**An
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Irish Georgian Society
City Assembly House
58 South William Street
Dublin 2

Date: 06 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.

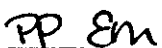
The Board will revert to you in due course with regard to the matter.

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,

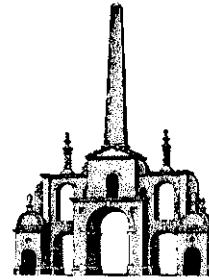


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3rd January 2022

Re. Railway (Metrolink-Estuary to Charlemont via Dublin Airport) Order 2022

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Irish Georgian Society previously made a submission on the 'Metrolink Public Consultation 2019 - Preferred Route' and welcomes this opportunity to comment on the 'Metrolink Railway Order Process 2022'.

The Irish Georgian Society is a membership organisation, which encourages and promotes the conservation of distinguished examples of architecture and the allied arts of all periods in Ireland. These aims are achieved through our education programmes, by supporting and undertaking conservation works, publishing original research, planning participation and fundraising. The Society has had a marked and widely acknowledged impact on the conservation of built heritage in the state and has wide experience of the problems associated with the restoration, repair and maintenance of the fabric of historic property.

It is evident that significant sections of the proposed Metrolink will run beneath some of Dublin's most architecturally important and sensitive areas and that this is rightly a cause for concern. The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) has dealt in detail with issues arising from this and has considered mitigation measures to address these. Given the scale of the project, the Irish Georgian Society (IGS) is not in a position to comment on these individually but does wish to make the following points:

1. Accreditation of professional advisers

While it is noted that a Project Conservation Architect is to be appointed, it is not indicated whether this individual/firm will be required to have a suitable conservation accreditation. As such, the IGS strongly recommends that the appointee is a RIAI accredited Grade 1 Conservation Architect and that a conservation engineer with appropriate accreditation is also engaged in the project.

2. Condition surveys

As the project is so extensive, it will be essential that sufficient resources are provided to the Project Conservation Architect to ensure that they have ongoing access to an adequate number of sufficiently experienced and accredited conservation professionals.

3. Permanent removal of elements of architectural interest

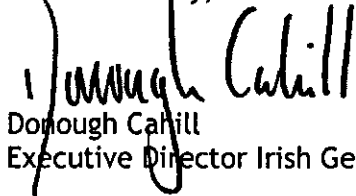
The IGS has considerable concerns about the planned permanent removal of parts of structures of architectural interest as these will forever lose their originally intended context. In such cases, the Society is of the view that a long-term plan for such items should be put in place and agreed with the Dublin City Council Conservation Office prior to the commencement of works.

4. Temporary removal of elements of architectural interest

It is noted that in a number of instances it is proposed to temporarily remove features of architectural interest and to reinstate these at a later stage. The IGS has concerns about such proposals as past experience suggests that the reinstatement of such items does not always go ahead. As such, it is recommended that as part of the planning process, a clear agreement for the removal, storage and reinstatement of relevant features is put in place with Dublin City Council Conservation Office.

The proposed Metrolink project will have a significant and lasting impact on Dublin's built heritage and so it will be essential that the correct conservation advisors and policies are adopted and engaged for its duration. As such, the Irish Georgian Society expects every consideration to be given to the observations it has made and would welcome an opportunity to provide further input if required.

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Director Irish Georgian Society

