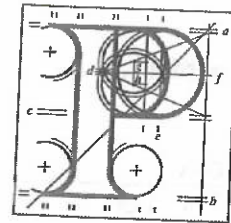


Our Case Number: ABP-314724-22

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**An
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Pleanála**

James Geoghegan
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Date: 26 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.

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16th January 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Case reference: NA29N.314724

314724: Estuary through Swords, Dublin Airport, Ballymun, Glasnevin and City Centre to Charlemont, Co. Dublin

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to extend my support to submissions made by the MetroSouthWest Group, MetroRethink Group and the residents of Dartmouth Road, Dartmouth Square and Cambridge Terrace.

I ask that the content of these submissions be given the utmost consideration.

The single biggest concern for Dublin arising from this proposed Railway Order is the decision to locate the terminus at Charlemont, which has a knock-on effect on the future expansion of Metrolink.

Inexplicably, there has been no assessment of continuing the MetroLink as far as Tallaght Town Centre and this proposal clearly merits consideration if we are going to be ambitious about our future planning for Dublin City and make the 15 minute city vision a reality for our capital.

The existing feasibility study makes clear that the continuation of MetroLink to Southwest Dublin is technically feasible but not necessary to consider until the period after 2042.

This is a deeply dissapointing conclusion, particularly when the communities of Terenure and Harold's Cross were promised so much more by the now Minister for Transport when he was an opposition TD.

In 2019, the now Minister for Transport and the Green Party advertised on bus shelters plans for a Metro South West as well as a plan for Metro to Knocklyn and UCD. In opposition in 2019, Eamon Ryan TD, as he was then, made clear that his *"preferred route"* was to prioritise the metro for *"Harold's Cross, Terenure, Knocklyon, Firhouse and Tallaght."* In explaining his rationale, in a speech to Dáil Éireann the now Minister rightly observed that this is *"an area that is atrociously served by public transport."*

We simply have to demonstrate the type of bold ambition that Eamon Ryan TD as a member of the opposition rightly lambasted his predecessor for lacking, but which has not been improved upon in this proposed Railway Order.

'Maybe' in 2042 is not a laudable aspiration to make the type of transformative change to our public transport system that is so desperately needed.

If the tunnel is bored as far as Manders Terrace, it is difficult to see how MetroLink could be extended to include suburbs such as Portobello, Lr. Rathmines, and Harold's Cross.

I would ask the Board to consider which parts of the proposed Railway order should be granted now to allow construction to proceed as soon as possible, and which parts could be either amended or request for reconsideration considered, namely after St Stephen's Green.

This application should be futureproofed so that a decision taken today, does not limit the possibilities of the metro line into the future.

Yours sincerely,



Cllr James Geoghegan