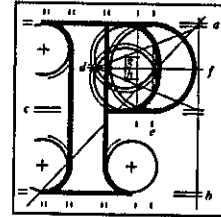


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An  
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Jim O'Callaghan  
Dail Eireann  
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Date: 05 December 2022

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](http://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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**SUBMISSION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA**

**Railway (Metrolink-Estuary to Charlemont via Dublin Airport) Order 2022.**  
**Case Ref: NA29N.314724**

Dear Secretary,

I refer to the above matter. I wish to make a submission in response to the application made by the National Roads Authority (operating as Transport Infrastructure Ireland) under Section 37(1) of the Transport (Railway Infrastructure) Act 2001 for the Metrolink from Estuary to Charlemont.

I support the decision of government and the application to grant permission for a Railway Order to run from Estuary to the City Centre. Dublin City has long needed a rail link to Dublin Airport and this central objective of the application as my support.

One aspect of the proposal which I do not support and which I would ask An Bord Pleanála to refuse is the proposal to have a terminal at Charlemont. As you know, the government decision permitted the construction of a Metrolink from Estuary to Dublin City Centre. Charlemont is not Dublin City Centre. It is a residential area south of the canal and a mile south of the City Centre.

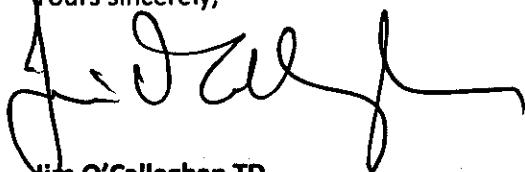
I believe permission should not be granted for the Metro Station at Charlemont but instead the terminal should be in the City Centre at St. Stephen's Green. The reason I oppose the Metro going to Charlemont is because I believe Dublin City will require a Metrolink to the south-west of the City in the very near future. If the Metrolink goes to Charlemont then this, in effect, rules out the later development of that Metro towards the south-west of the City.

I believe that the reason why TII has sought to terminate the Metrolink at Charlemont is in order to pre-determine any future extension of that line so that it runs along the green Luas line. This has already been rejected by government and the TII should not be permitted to bind the hands of any future government and decisions it may wish to make in respect of the extension of rail infrastructure in the City.

There are many areas in south-west Dublin that do not have any rail infrastructure such as Leonard's Corner, Portobello, Harold's Cross, Rathgar, Terenure, Templeogue and Walkinstown. An Bord Pleanála should recognise that it makes no planning sense for this Metrolink to terminate at Charlemont which is a quiet residential area south of the canal.

The overall project objective for Metrolink as established by the NTA and TII is to provide "*a sustainable...and accessible public transport service between Swords, Dublin Airport and Dublin City Centre*". By seeking permission for the Metro to terminate at Charlemont, the TII is seeking to circumvent this aim and objective of the project.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jim O'Callaghan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jim O'Callaghan TD