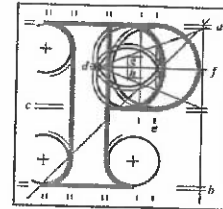


**Our Case Number:** ABP-314724-22



**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

John Loughrey  
9 Cambridge Terrace  
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**Date:** 09 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, there is no fee for an affected landowner, listed on the schedule, to make an observation on this case, therefore, a refund of €50 will be made to the credit/debit card used to make the online observation.

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,

Niamh Thornton  
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An Bord Pleanála  
64 Marlborough Street  
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Re: Railway (Metrolink–Estuary to Charlemont via Dublin Airport) Order 2022  
Case Reference Number NA29N.314724

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is John Loughrey and I live and am homeowner at 9 Cambridge Terrace, Dublin 6. I am writing with regard to the proposed development of a Terminus for the Metrolink project at Charlemont, Dublin 6, under the Railway Order 2022 (Metrolink – Estuary to Charlemont) Ref No NA29N.314724. I have paid the required fee of €50.

Firstly, in general, I am in favour of the broad aim of the Metrolink project to connect Dublin's city centre to our national airport. However, as a resident living in the Dartmouth/Charlemont area, I wish to set out a number of observations for the Board regarding the proposal to locate the Terminus station at Charlemont-Dartmouth. My family home is in the midst of the community where the Terminus station is proposed to be located.

I object to the proposed Metrolink Extension to Charlemont on the following grounds;

1. **Additional Cost.** The requirement to interface with LUAS could be achieved at an earlier location eg Stephens' Green with adaptations that would save public funds of approximately 650 million Euro on this section project which duplicates existing rail infrastructure. This is especially relevant in the rising interest rate environment.
2. **Future Strategic Planning.** A future south city Metro extension will need to be flexible in terms of transport and population demographics. A terminus at Charlemont restricts other direction options, and is strategically weak, whereas an earlier terminus retains future options.
3. **Unsuitability of the area.** The Charlemont area and surrounding roads are historic Victorian residential areas with limited scope for increased transport interfacing, footfall and required

amenities. The character of the many protected structure dwellings are at risk. Noise and disturbance during construction will result in loss of amenities for the area and an adverse impact upon traffic.

4. **Environmental impact.** The environmental impact assessment of the project in relation to transport, noise, alternatives and cumulative impact on the Charlemont-Dartmouth community is inadequate for a project of this scale.
5. **Station Box.** The station box at Charlemont, constructed in 2020/21 by Hines does not have the benefit of planning permission and therefore the current railway order application which relies on this already constructed work, is legally unsafe.

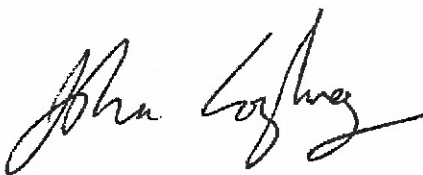
#### **Requested amendment to An Bord Pleanala**

I request the following amendments:

Omit from the Railway Order the section from Tara Street Station to Charlemont Station and associated onward tunnel extension and intervention tunnel.

Require the submission of a railway order for a section from Tara Street Station to St. Stephens Green which would effectively provide for a terminal hub station that can integrate with the Luas Green Line, multiple bus routes and future DART underground.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Loughrey', with a stylized, flowing script.

John Loughrey