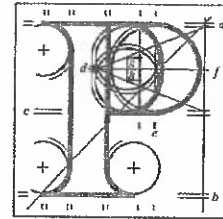


Our Case Number: ABP-314724-22

Planning Authority Reference Number:



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Marie Sherlock
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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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16th January 2023

**Metrolink Railway Order Application submission
REF -314724**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Metrolink will have a transformative and positive impact on Dublin's city and suburban communities when it is completed. From the perspective of city communities such as Glasnevin, Phibsborough and the North Inner City, the operation of the Metrolink service has the potential to reduce commuter traffic flows and improve air quality and as such will contribute enormously to improving these urban villages.

With regard to the extensive construction period lasting just short of a decade, we believe a number of special conditions need to be issued by An Bord Pleanála in granting approval for the railway order.

1. Construction Management:

Construction of the three stations which are planned for Dublin 9 and 7 will have enormous impacts on the traffic flows in the area. Traffic management plans must be published, and consultation must take place with the local communities well in advance of any works commencing:

1.1 Glasnevin station:

During the peak construction period of year 3 and year 4, there will be up to 200 construction vehicles travelling in and out of this area on a daily basis. This is going to have dramatic and enormous implications for traffic flows in the wider Phibsborough area. In particular there is a specific concern regarding the ability of Cross Guns bridge to take such high volumes of plant and machinery

1.2 Griffith Park station:

Local residents will also need a very clear picture of the traffic management system here, given such high levels of heavy plant and machinery that will be in the area on a daily basis over an extended period.

1.3 Mater station:

Along with the problems associated with construction traffic, there is also a very significant concern here about parking in the area, this and other issues will need to be considered in advance of construction.



2. **Community Liaison:**

Given the major noise and physical impacts on the area, along with the high levels of plant and machinery that will be in the area, it is vital that there is a 24 hour help / liaison line put in place for the whole duration of the construction period.

3. **Vermin Control:**

Given that the works are in such close proximity to the Royal Canal, we ask that specific measures for vermin control are undertaken during construction works.

4. **Noise Protection:**

Given the significant levels of noise, we ask that there is greater detail given to residents living in Shandon and Dalcassian areas, along with those living along Berkeley Road, with respect to the construction of the Glasnevin and Mater stations.

5. **Property:**

We wish to raise concerns about the limited nature of the POPS (Property Owner Protection Scheme) and the restriction of this to buildings within 30m - we believe that is overly restrictive and that other property owners who believe they will be affected should be allowed into the scheme.

6. **Ecological Protection and damage mitigation measures on the Royal Canal:**

It is extremely important that the impact of construction on wildlife habitats and on the biodiversity of the Royal Canal be minimised. We would like to see an ecological management plan in place for the period of construction to mitigate these risks.

7. **Commitment to restoration of green space and planting:**

In addition to the concerns about wildlife, we also want a commitment to ensure that any trees removed due to construction works will be replaced appropriately and any green space disturbed be re-planted.

8. **Station design:**

Given the high profile of the location of the Glasnevin station, we believe the opportunity should be taken to incorporate an eco-friendly, sustainable and imaginative design for the station, and that it be built on green building principles with consideration given to solar thermal systems, green roof and living walls.

I trust you will seriously consider the above observations, and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Senator Marie Sherlock