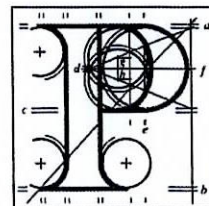


Our Case Number: ABP-314724-22

Your Reference: Nicola Brait and Greta Tumiatti



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Date: 25 November 2022

Re: Railway (Metrolink - Estuary to Charlemont via Dublin Airport) Order [2022]
Motrolink. 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 and oral hearing request 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.

The Board has absolute discretion to hold an oral hearing in respect of any application before it, in accordance with section 218 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Accordingly, the Board will inform you on this matter in due course.

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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Your Ref: **ML60-A10**

Date: 10th November 2021

Re: Metrolink Railway Order Application and Supporting Documentation
Property Address: Apartment 45, College Gate, Townsend Street, Dublin 2
Our Clients: Nicola Brait and Greta Tumiatti
Ref No: ML60-A10

Dear Sir/Madam,

Accompanying this correspondence is an Objection on behalf of our above named Clients to the conformation of the Metrolink Railway Order Application as captioned above. We are instructed that the cut off date for the submission of our Clients' objection is the 25th of November 2022. Our Clients are concerned that An Bord Pleanála is given due notice of their objection and the basis for that objection well in advance of the cut off date to allow the following:

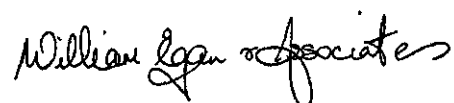
1. To allow An Bord Pleanála to issue a formal acknowledgement of their Objection and assign an appropriate reference number.
2. To allow An Bord Pleanála, through its designated inspector or other appropriate Officeholder to issue confirmation to us promptly, in advance of the cut off date, than An Bord Pleanála acknowledges the validity of the objection on the stated grounds.

If any issue were to arise concerning the validity of the attached objection, our Clients would be anxious to know this by return to facilitate any necessary adjustments or alterations to be made to the text as might be required to render the Objection valid.

An Bord Pleanála will appreciate that this is a very serious matter from our Clients' perspective given that the process An Bord Pleanála is engaged in may lead to the compulsory acquisition of their home. No objector could potentially be more adversely affected by the proposed development than one whose home is at risk of being compulsorily acquired from one by the process.

We look forward to hearing from you by return.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Egan & Associates". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the firm.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

We act on behalf of the above clients who have been served with notice of the making of the above Railway Order Application. Having reviewed the drawings and documentation accompanying same, our clients have instructed us to object to the confirmation of the Metrolink Railway Order Application and all of the supporting documentation to include the proposal Railway Works and Land Requirements, the Book of Reference, the EIAR and the Natura Impact Statement on the following grounds:

1. Project Need

As currently designed, this project is excessive and is leading to a significant overspending versus alternatives. The requirement in relation to increased use of public transport could be met in alternatives ways that would have been much less costly and at the end of the day, would have been better than the Metrolink as it is currently proposed.

2. Economic Analysis of Metrolink Versus Alternatives

The projected total budget cost of the Metrolink Project is extremely high versus other infrastructure capital projects. Analysis is showing that alternatives would have been able to deliver a similar or higher overall benefit and at a lower cost. Therefore, the economic cost benefit analysis on the Metrolink Project should mean that the project should not be progressed in its current form.

3. Route Selection

Even if one assumed that the Metrolink project was needed and it did stand up to economic analysis, the route chosen is flawed. Better alternative routes were available to the Designers.

4. Mitigation of Impacts on the Human Environment

In the case of the College Gate Apartment Complex the proposed impact mitigations put forward by the Acquiring Authority are seriously flawed and inadequate. The common areas of the complex and the overall property has been severely blighted since the route for the Metrolink project was decided and it was clear that the College Gate Complex was within the preferred route for the scheme and would have to be demolished should the scheme proceed on foot of a Railway Order as submitted. It was open to the Acquiring Authority to step forward at that stage and immediately offer to fully deal comprehensively with all of the individual owners in the complex and the Owners Management Company with a comprehensive suite of measures. These would include an offer of adequate full compensation to each owner and other measures such as immediate advance payments to the Owners Management Company to upkeep the common areas. It would have been open to owners to sell at that stage to the Acquiring Authority, if they so chose.

This has not been forthcoming from the Acquiring Authority and the complex has remained blighted and the lives of the owners severely impacted since the route for the Metrolink was chosen. Contrary to what has been stated publicly, there is nothing in law to stop the Acquiring Authority in this case doing the right thing, that being to have stepped in immediately and dealt comprehensively with a suite of measures for the College Gate Complex including a full purchase offer for owners wishing to sell and move on with their lives.

Owners who are in occupation have a very serious and ongoing concern regarding where and how they will manage to find a replacement property. There is a very serious lack of residential units in Dublin City Centre.

The early negotiations optional proposal put forward by the TII is a totally unsatisfactory proposal and is deeply flawed in many respects. It is not an adequate mitigation offer. Mitigation is critical in relation to all impacts of a scheme.

5. Time Frames and Funding

There is a lack of clarity with regard to time frames and funding for the Metrolink Project. There is no clarity with regard to the approval process and how long this will take. While this is ongoing, the severe blight on the College Gate Complex will continue and the hardship placed on the owners and the Owners Management Company will continue. This is wrong.

6. Oral Hearing

All of the points raised above can be fully addressed at an Oral Hearing which we request be held in relation to the Metrolink project. The above is only a basic outline of some of the points that are relevant to our clients and these points will be further elaborated on and additional points raised at the Oral Hearing, as more information becomes available.

7. Additional Grounds of Objection

We reserve the right to include other grounds of objection and to elaborate on the above listed grounds of objection and to tender these at the An Board Pleanála Oral Hearing which we request be held.

Yours faithfully,

William Egan Associates

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