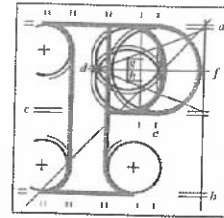


Our Case Number: ABP-314724-22



An
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Pleanála

Rathgar Residents Association
c/o Paula Moore
PO Box No. 9574
Dublin 6

Date: 12 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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The Secretary,
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Re: ABP Case reference: NA29N.314724 Estuary through Swords, Dublin
Airport, Ballymun, Glasnevin and City Centre to Charlemont, Co. Dublin
(MetroLink)

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Rathgar Residents Association believes the proposed route of MetroLink represents a missed opportunity to improve the transport needs of Dublin City, in particular Dublin South West. The proposed route duplicates an existing rail line towards Ranelagh and terminates just south of the Grand Canal at Charlemont.

Conversely, Dublin South West has no existing rail line. Extending the proposed underground metro from the city centre to Rathfarnham/Knocklyon, serving Templeogue, Terenure, Rathgar, Harold's Cross and Rathmines, would be a much superior option allowing for a greater population catchment.

An underground metro to Rathfarnham/Knocklyon would meet the transport demands of a growing population of commuters unlike the Busconnects Project, which proposes to remove trees, increase road widths and cause loss of, or damage, to heritage, village character and communities along its route.

Extending MetroLink to Rathfarnham/Knocklyon would take a large volume of motor vehicle traffic out of the road system. It would reduce the pressure on villages and communities inside the M50 limits and allow for safer commuting for cyclists and pedestrians. It is the most sustainable way to ensure the

character of villages like Rathgar, Rathmines and Terenure survives and thrives for generations to come.

Yours sincerely,



PAULA MOORE
Vice Chairman