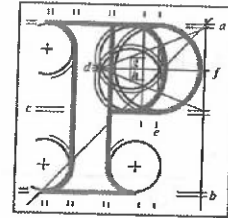


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**An
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Royal Canal Clean-Up Group
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Date: 26 January 2023

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 and oral hearing request (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.

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.

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15th January 2023

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

Formal submission

Dear Sir / Madam,

We the **Royal Canal Clean-Up Group** are writing with regard to the proposed development of an interchange station at Glasnevin (Cross Guns Bridge), as part of the Metrolink project under the Railway Order 2022.

The **Royal Canal Clean-Up Group (RCCUG)** is a volunteer led group which co-ordinates a monthly clean-up of the Royal Canal in Dublin City. We have been in operation since April 2013.

Our core goal is to protect and preserve Dublin's Royal Canal for use by local residents and visiting wildlife. We wish not only to improve the look of the canal and its environs, but also to encourage the use of the canal as an amenity and generate community spirit towards this wonderful linear park, which glides through our city.

We are affiliated with the IWAI <https://www.iwai.ie> who are our parent bod and Clean Coasts <https://cleancoasts.org>.

We have been supported throughout the years through grants systems from Dublin City Council, Waterways Ireland <https://www.waterwaysireland.org>, Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) <https://lawaters.ie>, Croke Park Community Fund, North East Inner City <https://www.neic.ie> and Fingal Co.Co.

We are supported with volunteers from iVol <https://www.volunteer.ie/>
Our volunteers are all ages and come from all walks of life, locals and newly arrived to Ireland. We have many volunteers from the direct provision centres. We are also well known and respected by local councillors and TD's, many who have volunteered themselves.

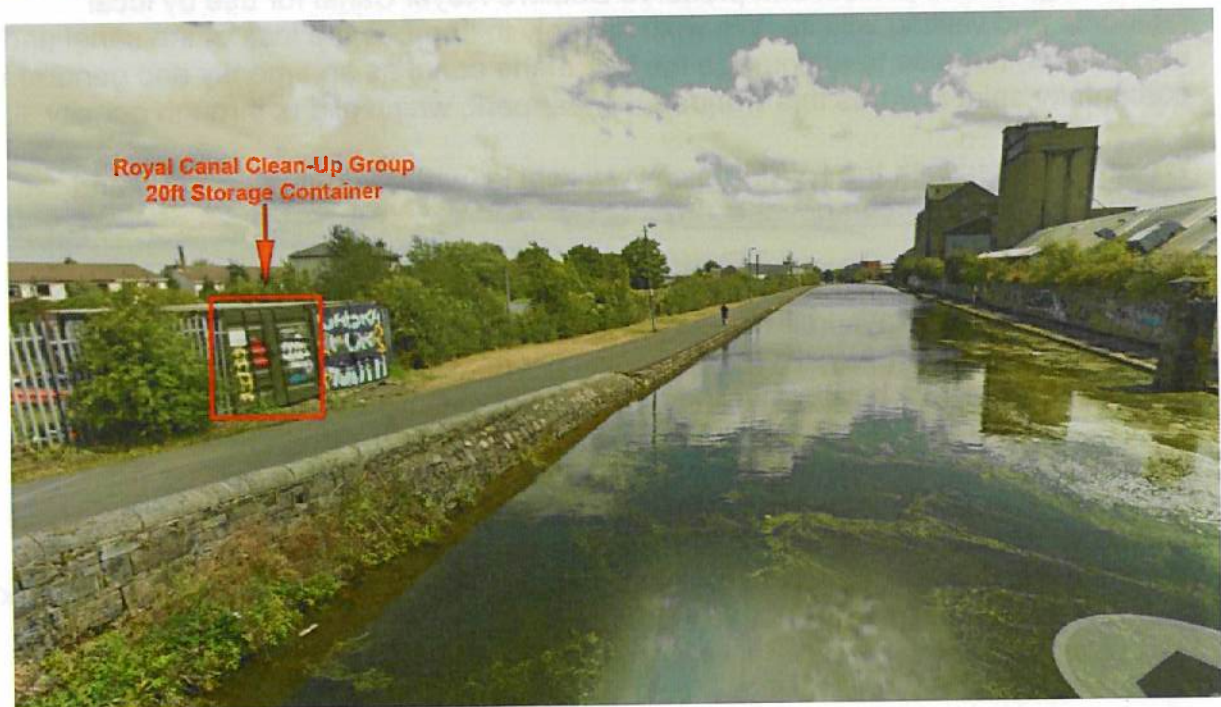
Key Submission Points :

The primary reason of this observation is to make Metro North and other relevant bodies, aware of our presence and the geographical position of our storage container, which appears to be within the intended work space of the Metro North build.

We have a 20ft storage container positioned directly alongside (and to the west of) Cabra for Youth's 40ft storage container here:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1ZkJruQlaITOI0ZloiofCYgyPtcGTxrdJ&usp=sharing>

Also see images below:



It seems likely in order for the Metro North works to commence at Glasnevin, that our 20ft container will have to be moved. We have no major objections to a move on a temporary basis, however we would need the container to be relocated close to Cross Guns Bridge and within a few meters of the canal, in order to continue our good work.

We would also require the cost of such a move to be borne by Metrolink (as we do not have the funds to cover such a move ourselves.

Here is a link to what we consider to be acceptable relocations, areas acceptable are highlighted in blue:

https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1yAQcQDnzpRp6_WHMMW5TZgpIDizLnrK8&usp=sharing

Impact on Local Ecology:

In closing we would like to add that we are also very concerned about the impact this development will have on the rich and unique ecology of the area. Therefore we would draw your attention to the very detailed observations (on local ecology), made by the **Shandon Residents Association**.

****Note on submission fees and community participation***

*The RCCUG objects to the requirement to pay €50 to submit an observation on Metrolink. We are a voluntary group and we feel it is unfair to penalise those who are financially disadvantaged. **We respectfully request this money be reimbursed to us.***

The right to comment should not be limited to better-off individuals and groups. It's important that an open oral hearing forms part of this planning process to provide the opportunity to engage fully with such a seismic change to the area.

We would like at least 2 of our members/volunteers be included in any oral hearings planned for this development.

Yours sincerely

Nessa Winder



Royal Canal Clean-Up Group Leader

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