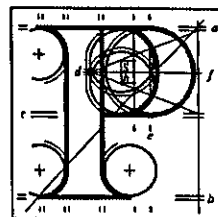


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**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Shira Mehlman
100 Botanic Road
Dublin 9
D09V0V5

Date: 13 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 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,


Niamh Thornton
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Submission – no fee applicable as per reference (Bore is directly underneath the property).

Date: 25 November 2022

RE: Intended application by the NRA (Operating as TII Ireland) for the Railway (MetroLink –Estuary to Charlemont via Dublin Airport) order (2022)

Shira Mehlman, 100 Botanic Road, Dublin 9 D09V0V5
Location Reference: ML4M-U19

To whom it may concern,

As per the documentation received, my property will be directly impacted by this proposed project.

I have been in receipt of documentation in relation to the above, via register post, without any reference to any form of consultation process other than this written submission. Considering the length, technicalities and depth of the documentation, I would state that the above as a form of consultation is unacceptable and at least, should have warranted invites to public meetings to allow for responses to specific questions in order to make a considered and in-depth response. Considering the documentation provided, its focus is on what will be done by TII with little specifics as to HOW this will be done. The information that is of interest to myself, as a property owner, is at best “scant”.

For example, the Section on the Environmental Impact Assessment notes that most concerns for residents will be around ground vibrations, drilling and blasting. While noting these concerns, e.g., “ground vibrations, air over pressure (air blast) and dust generation”, it does not outline details as to how it will ensure there is no damage to buildings, infrastructure and property by addressing these very real and potentially litigant concerns. It also fails to outline in any details, what recourse a home owner would have should such circumstances occur. As a resident home owner, this does not provide any assurance that my home and investment will be secure and free from harm.

Furthermore, should such damage occur, it is unclear what should happen in such instances. For example, what if the property needs to be vacated for a period time for remedial work. As there is currently a significant housing shortage, it is unclear how alternative housing in the short, medium and permanent terms will be facilitated and assured that it is of character and size in keeping the current structure. Personal property within the house will also need to be insured against these proposed impacts. This is not addressed at all. There needs to be insurance to cover such eventualities; not at the cost to the resident.

My other major concern is that I am unable to find specific information relating to the depth that the tunnels will be underground and the dimensions of the tunnels themselves. At a minimum, I would expect a guarantee from TII that best practice in relation to European Standards relating to such projects will be adhered to. This guarantee is sadly lacking.

Full accountability and transparency have not taken place, and while I have outlined major concerns above, I would expect that a more public and detailed consultation process will take place. The lack of communication from TII, and its refusal to date to engage with residents would impress as more autocratic than democratic in process. I would hope that this is not how consultation around this project will continue.

With kind regards,
Shira Mehlman