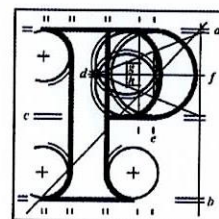


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**An  
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Pleanála**

The Residents of Albert College Lawn  
C/O Mary McCarthy  
14 Albert College Lawn  
Dublin 9  
D09Y544

**Date:** 09 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 (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](http://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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24<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Sirs,

**Re: Metrolink. Area 304 on plans for Metrolink ML-RO-304-E-F.**

The construction of the Metro station to be sited in front of Our Lady of Victories Church Ballymun Road and the implications for residents of **Albert College Lawn**.

**The Residents of 16 houses on Albert College LAWN, Glasnevin Dublin 9**, wish to provide observations on the above statutory planning application to the proposed Metro Station at Our Lady of Victories Church on Ballymun Road. While supportive of the scheme overall and its objectives, as outlined in the application, we have concerns about some of the details of the proposals, namely closure of Albert College Drive onto Ballymun Road, with only one exit onto Collins Avenue for our residents and the possible creation of another exit onto Ballymun Road, while the exit at Albert College Drive is closed. It is noted in the early proposals that a possible exit onto Ballymun Road, would exit by Albert College Lawn. This would mean the felling of the magnificent old Beech Tree and opening up the Cul-de-Sac on Albert College Lawn.

The Residents of **Albert College Lawn** do **NOT object** in principle to the proposed station at the church. As Dublin's housing density increases, there is a greater need to protect every available green space for future generations and accordingly, we do not want the station to be built in the Albert College Park.

However, we have noted the closure of Albert College Drive onto Ballymun Road and the traffic exit congestion and traffic flow from Albert College Estate onto Collins Avenue during the 10 year construction phase and therefore, propose that traffic lights be constructed from Albert College Estate to Collins Avenue to facilitate Albert College Residents ease of exit, or simply move the current traffic light back 20 metres. Also during the construction of the station in front of Our Lady of Victories Church, with modern technology and engineering prowess, why can't a temporary up and over motor corridor be created from Albert College Drive onto Ballymun Road?

We have viewed the planning maps and it doesn't appear that the cul-de-sac on Albert College Lawn will be opened for exit onto Ballymun Road, during the construction phase. However, we have noted in earlier proposals by the TII before the Railway Order was lodged that there was a possibility that Albert College Lawn would be opened to give access for residents and people coming from Collins Avenue to Ballymun Road. On the basis of this understanding, we wish to make our concerns and objections known to An Bord Pleanála.

**Objections**

- The Residents of Albert College Lawn **strongly object to the possible opening of the cul-de-sac on Albert College Lawn onto Ballymun Road to facilitate exit onto Ballymun Road** during the construction phase of 10 years. Such an action would create a rat run from Collins Avenue through our Estate onto Ballymun Road, posing further hazards for the safety of our residents, school going children, wheelchair users (three on the street) and partially sighted and elderly people, who already have to cope with large volumes of parking on our streets from DCU students.
- **We strongly object to any interference with or the felling of the 250 year old Beech Tree** at the west end of Albert College Lawn for any construction purposes.



- Also DCU traffic turning left into DCU Avenue from Ballymun Road is too close to a possible exit from the Lawn and would create a huge hazard for accidents, given the amount of pedestrians, particularly school children and park walkers using the pathways and crossing Ballymun Road.
- Furthermore, **we strongly object to any proposal that an alternative route could be opening Albert College Lawn/Avenue onto the access Avenue into DCU in front of No. 16 for motor traffic**, for the reasons outlined above.

**During construction of the Metro Station, where will the construction workers park their own cars in already overloaded parking spaces in Albert College Estate?**

The Residents of Albert College Lawn respectfully request that you take our concerns and objections into consideration before proceeding with the application.

The original signatures have already been submitted to An Bord Pleanala in connection with the proposed Bus Connect Corridor. Accordingly a copy of the Residents of Albert College Lawn is submitted herewith.

Yours faithfully,

Signed:

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