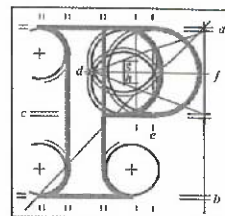


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Date: 06 December 2022

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.

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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24/11/2022

Re: Metrolink – Estuary through Swords, Dublin Airport, Ballymun, Glasnevin and City Centre to Charlemont, County Dublin

Dear Sir/Madam,

I fully support the project from the Estuary to St. Stephen's Green. I believe it is badly needed and long overdue. I do not, however, support extending Metrolink to Charlemont and believe that the terminus should be at St. Stephen's Green instead.

I believe that the terminus should be at a city centre location to maximise the possibility, in the future, of creating an integrated hub to allow for interchanges between the Metro, buses and the Luas, and to cater for a possible underground system. Charlemont, by contrast, is a residential area with relatively limited potential to extend public transport links throughout the city and particularly to areas like Dublin Southwest.

I would like the Railway Order to be amended to authorise building the Metro to St. Stephen's Green only and then, whilst these works are being carried out, to direct that an independent monitoring group including independent Consultants, the NTA, Community representatives, and elected representatives, be constituted to carry out feasibility studies to determine the optimum onward route for the Metro.

In this regard, we badly need an upgraded public transport infrastructure in Dublin Southwest. The area has had a substantial increase in population over the last few years and, given both the amount of ongoing building works and planning permissions granted recently both under the Strategic Housing Development (SHD) process and otherwise, this increase in population is set to continue. We don't have the benefit of a nearby Dart or of either of the Luas lines and I believe the demand for public transport is far more than a bus system alone can cope with. I would like to see Metrolink extended to Dublin Southwest to serve areas including Rathfarnham, Templeogue, Knocklyon, Ballycullen and Firhouse, with the best route to be decided on completion of the appropriate studies, before planning is submitted.

I would like to support the very thorough and detailed submission made by the Metro Southwest Group (MSWG) and urge you to please carry out further and more extensive research before committing to the current proposed course of action. It is essential to have a proper public transport infrastructure if we want people to leave their cars at home and thereby reduce traffic congestion and pollution. There is an opportunity here to vastly improve this area of the city by facilitating a proper public transport infrastructure which will improve the lives of our residents, and the environment, for many years to come.

Thank you and kind regards.

Yours faithfully,

Cllr Yvonne Collins
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