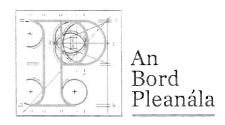
Our Case Number: ABP-314724-22



Hampstead Residents CLG 10 Hampstead Avenue Glasnevin Dublin 9

Date: 26 March 2025

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.

If you have any queries in the meantime please contact the undersigned officer of the Board at laps@pleanala.ie

Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Eimear Reilly Executive Officer

Direct Line: 01-8737184

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## **Eimear Reilly**

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## Dear Sir/Ms

please find the attached submission in respect to the Metrolink project -TII submission 31/1/25.

Regards

Declan Campbell

Hampstead Residents.

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## Case ref ABP-314724-22.

## Hampstead Residents submission to laps@pleanala.ie on 25th March 2025.

Hampstead Residents have engaged fully with the Metrolink planning process. We have made three detailed submissions (orally) at ALL three phases of the Metrolink oral hearings which were held in the Gresham Hotel, Dublin 1, throughout 2024.

Hampstead Residents occupy the residential houses, on Hampstead Avenue, (D 9), which is located directly adjacent to Albert College Park.

Hampstead Avenue has the closest residential houses to the TII proposed Metrolink ventilation shaft/emergency access, which is proposed to be located at the south west corner of the said park.

We fully support and endorse the recent Metrolink submission by Griffith Avenue and District Residents Association. (GADRA)

The text below outlines in summary our response regarding the TII submission dated 31/01/2025, - addressing concerns and observations made during the Metrolink oral hearings related to the Railway Order application for a Metrolink transportation project.

**Documentation and information:** Hampstead Residents emphasizes that the TII application submitted on 30/09/2022 was totally incomplete. This is evidenced by the submission of over 400 additional documents and the lack of consultation with our residents in respect to these! One critical example was the absence of important information and visuals regarding the Albert College Park Ventilation shaft.

**Critique of NDAs:** Hampstead Residents argues that the use of NDAs in negotiations between TII and Our Lady of Victories School is seriously inappropriate and could indeed impact local residents without their knowledge, undermining the public consultation process.

**Bus Stop Data Misrepresentation:** Hampstead Residents points out that TII used incorrect data regarding bus stop usage for the Collins Avenue Station decision, arguing that the bus stop at DCU has significantly higher usage than Ballymun Church, which TII did not properly account for.

Lack of Public Consultation: Hampstead Residents robustly claim that TII did not adequately consult the public regarding the positioning of the ACP Shaft, violating statutory requirements. We argue that the consultation was totally lacking and insufficient and did not inform residents about the structure's above-ground nature.

**Design and Environmental Concerns:** Hampstead Residents strongly critiques TII/NTA's design decisions, particularly the need for extensive fencing and parking in a public park, suggesting that alternative designs could better serve the community and environment.

**Service Disruption Mitigation:** Hampstead Residents expresses total disappointment with TII's stance on not providing generators during service disruptions, and highlights the potential negative impact on vulnerable members of our own community.

**Call for Genuine Engagement:** Hampstead Residents are adamant that for the Metrolink project to succeed, TII must be forced to engage genuinely with the community.

TII/NTA has not sought one face to face meeting with our residents or even our residents association, throughout the many years this current Metrolink project has been active. It is astonishing to think that the same TII/NTA officials think it OK...to have numerous face to face meetings with Commercial Institutions, Religious institutions, Sports clubs, Schools etc etc. Many of these meetings resulted in agreements, commercial arrangements etc, and NDA applied!

Furthermore it is critical that independent environmental evaluations are not controlled by TII/NTA.

Regards

Declan Campbell, Hampstead Residents, (0862481696)