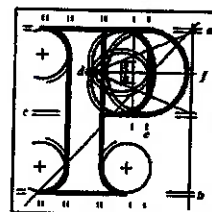


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**An
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Aoife Lalor
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Date: 26 May 2023

**Re: DART+ South West Electrified Heavy Railway Order - Hazelhatch & Celbridge Station to Heuston Station, and Hesuton Station to Glasnevin
County Dublin and County Kildare**

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,

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Eimear Reilly

From: SIDS
Sent: Monday 15 May 2023 21:33
To: Eimear Reilly
Subject: FW: Railway Order Observation - Dart+South West Electrified Heavy Railway 2023
Attachments: 16 Woodfield Avenue Submission.docx

From: Aoife Lalor [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2023 7:58 PM
To: SIDS <sids@pleanala.ie>
Subject: Railway Order Observation - Dart+South West Electrified Heavy Railway 2023

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please find attached my observation on the Railway Order- Dart+South West Electrified Heavy Railway 2023.

Kind Regards,
Aoife Lalor BArch, BA, PGDipAEd

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15th May 2023

Re: DART+ South West Electrified Railway Order 2023

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am the property owner of the above address.

I am writing in response to your correspondence received on the 16th March 2023 regarding the Railway Order in respect to the DART+ South West project.

From the information provided it appears that there will be impact on my home, 16 Woodfield Avenue, which would involve the acquisition of a sub-stratum of land underneath the back garden. However, it is not known what the depth may be and greater detail of impact is not known from the information provided within the Railway Order.

Despite being in support of this much needed investment in our transport infrastructure, I would like to submit my objection to this project as insufficient information and detail has been provided to potentially impacted property owners on the nature of the CPO required.

Further Detail on the Objection:

1. Impact on my property

- The ground anchors detailed in the railway order could potentially obstruct future development or damage existing structure within garden adjacent to the boundary of the property
- There is Insufficient detail within the railway order in relation to vibration monitoring on properties which could cause ongoing or future damage. Will there be vibration monitors? Our houses are 130 years old and could crack.
 1. There are no plans to replace the wall to be demolished at the boundary of property with like for like original materials (limestone and lime mortar) A different material would be damaging to the heritage of the area. I would like a taller limestone wall to the rear of my garden, as existing.
 2. I am concerned about how sound levels will be monitored on an ongoing basis and how communities will be engaged with during the construction period. There is a lack of mitigation plans in the order on how impact will be minimised particularly for communities within close proximity of development, such as Woodfield. What noise levels? What mitigation? etc.
 3. Further information is required on the scheduling of construction. Will it happen at night, or during the day? Could it be sequenced so that work on the railway line behind Woodfield can be scheduled simultaneously for both sides of the line, with a view to minimising the disruption on households?
 4. Would water drainage be affected?
 5. We need a structural survey and record performed by an independent professional before construction is considered.

Disturbance during construction period - SOUND

5) The construction may take place at night time. This would disturb residents' sleep leading to health issues. Which could lead to residents having to move out of their homes for a period of time.

Further mitigations are needed, for example, installation of triple glazed windows and other safeguards.

6) Permanent disturbance when construction is complete:

- With a higher frequency of trains during the day and night, there likely will be increased disturbance ongoing and potential damage to structures with increased vibrations

Would there be sound barriers or baffles constructed?

Biodiversity Loss

The Inchicore Environmental Group have highlighted concerns on this and I would like to further emphasise concerns around the lack of detailed conservation plans. There are bats foraging in the plants and insects to the rear of the wall as a feeding corridor all alongside the railway tracks. Their habitat will be destroyed by this construction project.

Construction LIGHT(at night) and SOUND

Will frighten creatures away from any habitat. There is also the question of native trees plants and insects, entire ecosystems, and a lack of detail on conservation plans in this regard. Extinction of species is a possibility as the project is carried out on such a vast geographical scale along the railway line on both sides.

I am hoping to hear a response to the issues highlighted,

Yours Faithfully,

Aoife Lalor