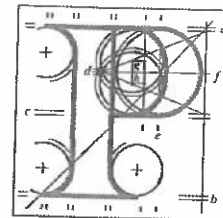


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**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

Cieran Perry  
Richard O'Carroll Room  
City Hall  
Dublin 2

**Date:** 07 June 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 (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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**DART+ South West**

**Submission to An Bord Pleanála**

As an elected representative for the Cabra/Glasnevin area I wish to raise a number of concerns in relation to the planned DART+ South West works.

As a strong advocate for public transport I fully support the DART + South West project and recognise the benefits further public transport links can bring to the area which has a rapidly expanding population.

Myself and others in the community have a number of concerns which we believe if addressed will go some way to tackling the unease about the project in our community.

I would like An Bord Pleanála to consider the follow concerns before a decision in relation to the commencement of the works is made.

- I request that an Oral Hearing takes place in relation to these works to allow for further discussion and examination of relevant issues which still remain unaddressed by Iarnród Éireann in relation to the DART+ South West project. This will provide a forum for open discussion where information can be provided in a clear and concise manner.
- Communications received from Iarnród Éireann in relation to the DART+ South West project were insufficient and were not written in plain English.
- I understand that Iarnród Éireann are required to use Ordnance Survey maps for the purpose of this project. However, the maps received by residents are not an accurate reflection of the current state of the properties in the area – this includes not displaying structures built on the property.
- Iarnród Éireann have confirmed that property condition surveys will be conducted before construction begins and when construction is completed. I request that this survey is made available to residents prior to construction commencing.
- I request that Iarnród Éireann confirm the period of time for which recourse will be available once the building works have ceased. When the building works have settled, impacts from the works may appear on residents properties – this could be a number of years after the works have completed – which must be rectified by Iarnród Éireann regardless of the passage of time.
- In the application for the Railway Order Iarnród Éireann are seeking the right to issue compulsory purchase orders. Iarnród Éireann must provide details of the legal affect of having a claim on part of a residential property due to the soil nailing or substratum lands.
- To address the concerns of residents I request that a Community Forum is put in place **before any construction commences** with membership of the Forum consisting of elected local

representatives, elected resident representatives and Iarnród Éireann representatives. This will establish the platform for the raising of issues encountered by residents which can be shared with Iarnród Éireann representatives to address as well as providing an avenue for Iarnród Éireann to brief residents on progress and issues from their side.

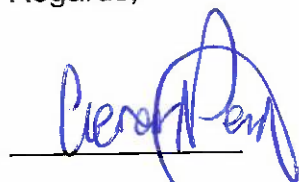
- As a resident of Cabra where a number of building projects have taken place in recent years it is essential that rodent control measures are put in place **before any construction works commence**. The documentation received refers to a liaison officer once a construction company is appointed but does not fully address any actions that will be put in place before any works start and it is of utmost importance that measures **are in place** to deal with the inevitable vermin problem which will be brought about by the excavation works associated with the project.
- Noting that the works consist of soil nailing which Iarnród Éireann engineers have advised will be noisy, I request that a commitment is provided by Iarnród Éireann that soil nailing works will **only** be completed during weekday working hours (09:00-17:00)
- The information provided notes that Zone D (Cabra) could be subject to flood risk however, it was not clear initially which properties are directly affected and the mitigation measures that will be in place. I have looked at the separate Flood Risk report which is available on the website, but again the impacts are not clearly set out. It is important that the risk of flooding to any property are fully explained to the residents which could potentially be impacted **before** construction commences.
- I understand that the National Transport Authority has made a commitment to local public representatives that the planning application for the station at Carnlough Road in Cabra would be made in tandem with the DART+ South West project. I would appreciate if confirmation could be provided in relation to this. The lack of station at Cabra was a worrying omission from the current DART + South West application given the population of the area. Based on the 2016 census, there is a population of about 16 thousand people in the environs of Carnlough Road. Within 1km, a population of about 25,000 are residing. As a resident of Cabra, it is imperative that the station is built at the same time given the impact to residents of two separate construction phases which are interlinked would bring. This linked construction will help to minimise disruption to residents and those in the surrounding areas.

In closing, I wish to once again highlight the need for an oral hearing relating to this project. As you can see, I have very major issues of concern as shown above. While supportive of the intentions of this project overall, there are key areas of concern for me as an elected representative and I believe these must be satisfactorily addressed.

I trust that An Bord Pleanála will take these concerns on board when making a decision in relation to this project.

Thank you for your consideration, I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,



Cllr Cieran Perry

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