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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 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 officer of the Board. 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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Please note:

I have not included the standard fee of
£50, as I am the owner of land that
may be acquired under the draft Railway
Order (Riverside Apartments, Conyngham
Rd).

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RE: DART+ South West Electrified Railway Order 2023

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in relation to CIE's proposed plans in relation to the DART+ South West project. I live at No 25 The Wellington, Riverpark Apartments – an apartment block located immediately adjacent to the Liffey Bridge/vidaduct. The new Heuston West Station will be located across the river from my apartment.

As the owner of an apartment located on land which CIE may acquire and temporarily occupy as part of the project, I received an information pack in the post in April (Reference LO-3568). This pack alerted me to the detail of the proposed Railway order and schedule of works.

I specifically purchased my apartment at this location in 2021, because of its tranquil location by the river, and the views of the wonderful wild hedgerows on the bank opposite, which shelter an abundance of wildlife. Living within a quiet 'green' space is important to me, as I work as a therapist in hospital-based roles, which require daily exposure to very traumatic material and difficult situations.

I now realise that I am likely to living across from a construction site for an extended period of time. I would like to raise two points in relation to the project, which I hope you will take into consideration when reviewing the plans:

1. Impact of noise and vibration on local residents

The Environmental Impact Assessment Report on the proposed development (Feb 2023 - Chapter 14; pg 93-95) lays out the likely impact of noise and vibration impacts during both the construction and operational phases. My reading of this chapter indicates that there is potential for significant impact for local residents certainly during the construction phase.

I work one day from home each week, providing therapy sessions online to hospital patients. This requires a quiet environment, and I am concerned that the proposed works will cause significant disruption during the construction phase. The Environmental Impact Report indicates that there will be engagement with the local community to advise in relation to activities in advance, but no detail is provided in relation to how this will be done.

I would request that CIE be mandated to provide information to residents such as myself, in a timely way throughout the project.

2. Impact on local wildlife/ecology

One of the assets of my location in Riverpark, is the view of the wild hedgerows on the River Liffey bank directly across from me. This is the last stretch of the river which remains 'green' prior to entering the city centre from Heuston Station onwards. The hedgerows support an amazingly rich ecosystem, ranging from birdlife such as moorhens, kingfishers and cormorants, a wide range of other nesting birds, as well as small mammals including otters and foxes. It has been a pleasure to watch all of this from my window over the seasons.

I enclose some photographs, one of the wild embankment immediately adjacent to the existing Liffey Bridge (on the Heuston Station side of the river), the other of the view back up along the river towards the city centre.

I note from the Environmental Impact Report (Chapter 8, pg 77-78) that a Project Ecologist and a site Environmental Manager will be appointed.

I would like to request that CIE be mandated to keep this wild habitat intact, rather than being cleared or removed during construction. I would also request that they be mandated to time the works to avoid bird nesting seasons.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this letter.

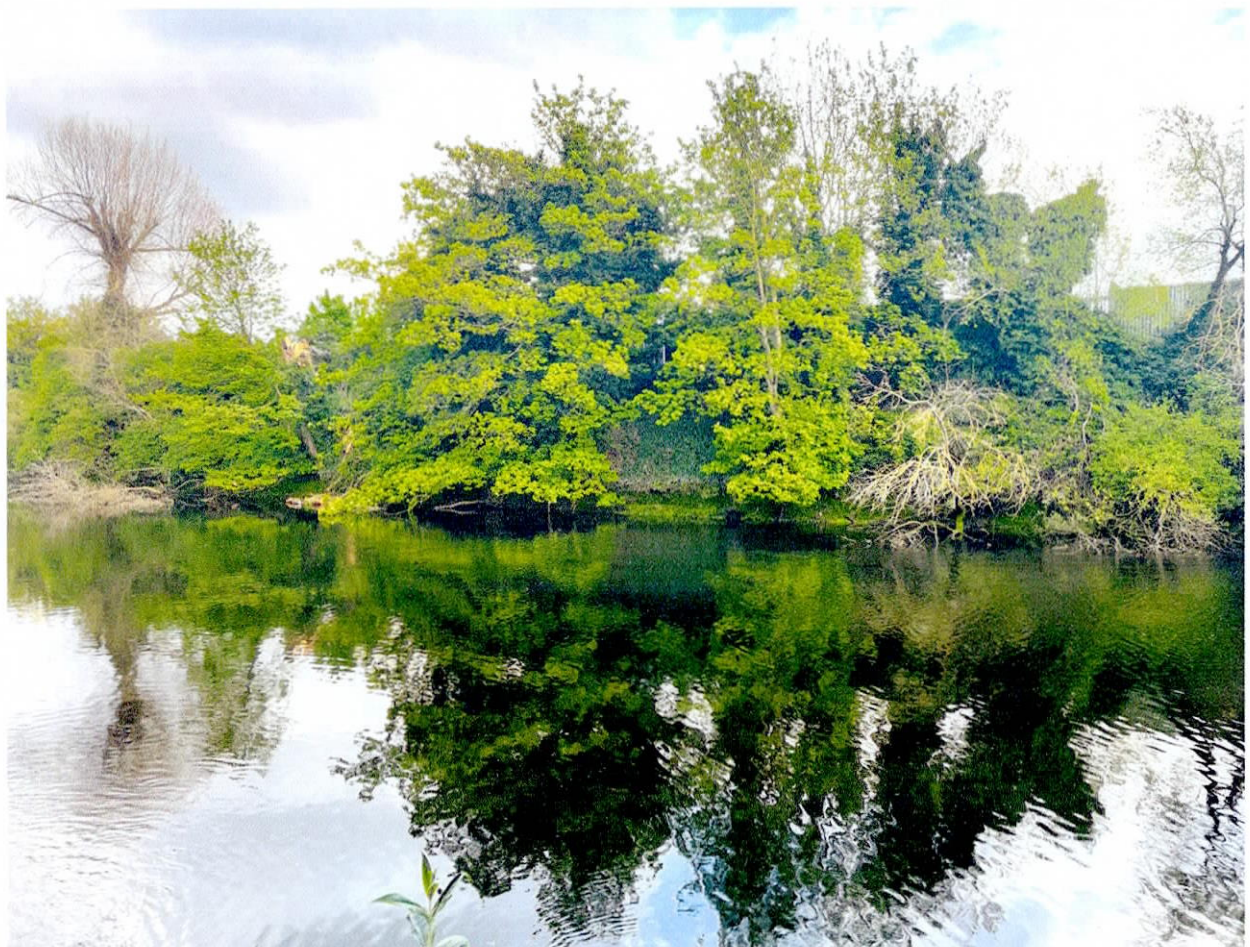
Yours sincerely,



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Riverpark Apartments



Embankment immediately adjacent to the existing Liffey Bridge (on the Heuston Station side of the river)



View back up along the river towards the city centre, looking from Riverpark Apartments across to the backyard of Heuston Station



Panoramic view back up along the river towards the city centre, looking from Riverpark Apartments across to the backyard of Heuston Station