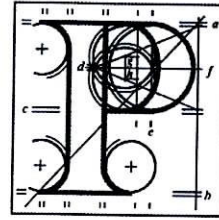


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Date: 01 June 2023

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.

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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This submission is made by Councillor Hazel de Nortúin and Bríd Smith TD

We welcome the Strategic Infrastructure Development of Dart South West which should hugely improve public transport in this area and contribute to Climate Action Plan goals.

While welcoming the introduction of DART into the areas we represent, we wish to draw attention of ABP to the absence of plans thus far to provide DART stations to the areas of Inchicore and Ballyfermot. We understand that the provision of stations will be dealt with separately, however it should be noted that the level of disruption expected to be experienced by the community of Ballyfermot will necessitate a return for the residents by way of provision of a local station that will give full access to DART for the local community.

Concerns have been raised with us by residents whose properties will be affected on Landen Road, Kylemore Drive and Cloverhill Road.

Our observations are listed below and we are seeking assurances that the plan, if granted, will adequately address these concerns.

Noise and Air Pollution levels – What are the plans to mitigate these?

Back wall boundary and impact on trees, shrubbery, sheds etc – How will this impact in each individual property?

There may be consequences of possible rat infestation and how this can be dealt with in advance rather than allowing an infestation of vermin around properties?

We are asking for assurances in respect of length of time of disruption to property.

Will there be a possible impact on house insurance policy and how should this be dealt with?

Irish Rail could not confirm if there would be some sort of gap between some gardens and the planned retaining wall or if any sound barriers will be installed. We request clarity on same.

Some residents have raised questions about the electrical cables for the Dart and what the effect it may have on the environment and on health. We are seeking clarification on this issue.

When construction starts, there will be considerable noise and there are concerns about the impact of same on children with special needs and elderly residents.

We wish to stress the need for a “monitoring committee” to be established as part of the planning and preparations with representation from Irish Rail, DCC, residents, the contractor and public representatives and the appointment of a community liaison officer to engage with the public around any issues that may arise.

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