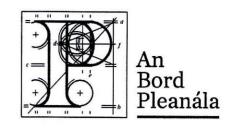
Our Case Number: ABP-316119-23



Jackie and David Donohoe 48 Bannow Road Cabra West Dublin 7

Date: 02 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 and oral hearing request in relation to the abovementioned 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.

The Board has absolute discretion to hold an oral hearing in respect of any application before it, in accordance with section 218 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Accordingly, the Board will inform you on this matter in due course.

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: <a href="www.pleanala.ie">www.pleanala.ie</a>.

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**

## Observation Submission to An Bord Pleanála

I am a resident of a Dublin City Council house on Bannow Road, Cabra, Dublin 7 who is impacted by the planned DART+ South West works. I wish to start by stating that I am not opposed to the DART + South West project and recognise the benefits further public transport links can bring to the area which has a rapidly expanding population. However, 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 Irish Rail 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 Irish Rail in relation to the DART+ South West project were insufficient. The full impact to the property was not clear to us until the full pack – which is lengthy – was received
- Irish Rail have confirmed that property condition surveys will be conducted before
  construction begins and when construction is completed. We request that this ALA
  survey is made available to residents prior to construction commencing.
- I request that Irish Rail 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 the property this could be a number of years after the works have completed which must be rectified by Irish Rail regardless of the passage of time.
- 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
  Irish Rail representatives. This will establish the platform for the raising of issues
  encountered by residents which can be shared with Irish Rail representatives to
  address as well as providing an avenue for Irish Rail 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 Irish Rail engineers have advised will be noisy, I request that a commitment is provided by Irish Rail that

soil nailing works will **only** be completed during weekday working hours (09:00-17:00)

- I have concerns in relation to the dust which will be raised by the construction as
  this will impact on a exist health condition. We would also like to raise the point
  regarding building works impacting on sleep.
- We would like Irish Rail to provide further details regarding the building works and any structures which may be erected in the line of sight of our property.
- The documentation indicates that the proposed construction works will take place over a lengthy period, at all times of the day, at weekends and during holidays. Noise will be a major side effect.. No clarity has been provided as to what noise reduction measures will be implemented to assist residents to continue with a "normal life" during the construction.
- 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. The separate Flood Risk report which is available on the
  website, does not clearly set out the impacts. 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 a resident 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.

As I am an impacted resident, no fee is applicable for this submission.

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

· Name · Address 48 Bannow Rd, Cabra Wast, Dublin 7. · Reference Number 18837 S.1(Bx)