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Dublin 7  
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**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 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.

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: [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

### Observation Submission to An Bord Pleanála

Reference number: 18837.S.3(HU)

Property Plan 18837

Reference number on cover letter: LO-615

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I am living in 257 St. Attracta Road, Cabra, Dublin 7, D07HIX3 and I will be 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.
- I received a letter last August 2022 that said that the Dart + South West was planned but I didn't fully understand what this meant and heard nothing more until I got the package with all the documentation before Easter 2023. The pack is really complicated, I don't understand how I will be affected, you would need a degree in engineering to understand the book that was sent.
- I have been told by other neighbours that Irish Rail are required to use Ordnance Survey maps for the purpose of this project. However, I don't understand the maps.
- In the application for the Railway Order Irish Rail are seeking the right to issue compulsory purchase orders. The documentation received has indicated that this may affect my property. I purchased my property on ~~Barnow Road~~ ATTRACTA RD with the long garden for the future potential to expand. If Irish Rail enforce a Compulsory Purchase Order for the substratum lands this will have a direct impact on my property
- I request that a Community Forum is put in place **before any construction starts** 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 starts**. 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 a number of health problems which means I frequently get pneumonia in the lungs and the proposed construction work will result in a lot of dust and this will have serious impacts on my health. Irish Rail have not explained how this will be managed for the Cabra area.
- 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. Due to health issues I am at home all day and the constant noise and works will add more stress and it is important that I am fully aware at each stage what work will be taking place so I can get help to support me through this disruption. No clarity has been provided as to what noise reduction measures will be implemented 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 documentation sent is so confusing I can't figure out if I will be affected
- 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.

While I am 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 fully 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.

June Fitzgerald 11<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> / 2023