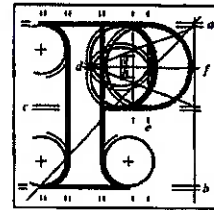


Our Case Number: ABP-316119-23



**An
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Pleanála**

Karen Balfe
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Date: 10 May 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 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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21st April 2013

To whom it may concern,

I Karen Balfe who resides at 413 Landen Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10 would like to express my **objection** to the Dart+ South West proposed by CIE.

After reading through the proposal, I received via post on 16th March 2023 and having a builder look at the plans which outline how CIE would like to use my property as follows:

Construction of a secant piled wall-including preparation of a piling platform, drilling and concreting of the piles, construction of pile caps and parapets, excavation and removal of soil. Underground anchors will be installed, below adjacent land to ensure stability of the wall (the maximum extent is indicated in the purple shaded area on the Works layout Plan)

After receiving this pack I phoned CIE (23/03/23 spoke to a girl named Daisy) she couldn't tell me much more than what was already in the pack only I have a right to object as I have interest to the land/property.

1. Light

I did ask how high the wall would be expected to be she said 5-10 meters which is my 1st of many objections as my kitchen extension would be severely impacted by this with little to no light. The kitchen is the heart of our home where we spend a lot of time and with our sitting room in the middle of the house that gets no natural light, we have double doors which we open throughout the day to compensate for the lack of light. So, this is very concerning for me with less light we would need more lights on and with the price of electricity I simply can't

afford this. There is also the psychological effect of less light such as less light can lead to depression, low mood, poor sleep.

2.The Construction element

The construction of this Dart+ Southwest would have a dire effect on all the residents of Landen Road, but my concerns and objections regarding the construction are I do not want to have building works directly at the back of my back wall – literally meters from my dining table, my kids bedroom – which will be looking out onto this – they are already impacted by when there are train track works at night time when the trains aren't running – my 2 boys are up constantly when builders are shining flood light into the back of our house, using power tools, screaming and shouting in the small hours of the morning (12-6am). This happens frequently during the year and would be magnified if this Dart was to go ahead.

This has a severe impact on our daily lives, our routines, behaviors, mood, our jobs and school life are affected.

Health

My eldest son Hayden (17 years old) has some medical issues such as SENSORY PROCESSING DISORDER. This impact will severely impact on his daily life. The impact of the noise will have a detrimental effect on him as noise can cause him to become overstimulated and have severe attacks, meltdowns in which he can't regulate.

This would be his daily life with construction and a train line meters away from his bedroom window- kitchen.

Sleep disturbances while the trains are being maintained at nighttime is already disgraceful.

My youngest son Zak (12years old) has severe asthma, polyps and a dust allergy so having construction that close to the area which he lives and breathes is not acceptable. To be breathing in that level of dust could have severe and lasting impact on his health. Zak also shares a room overlooking the back of the house so would be impacted by the dust, noise, lack of privacy, lack of sunlight.

It will be like living in a prison taking away our light and the little luxury we have of a garden in the city. We already lack services in the area- some of us that are lucky enough to have gardens are being severely impacted by a service that will have absolutely no benefit to us at all. It will only have implications and cause us damage – some while its being built and also the long-term damage – less light-health issues from construction, less sleep as more trains, more maintenance, lower quality of life due to less privacy in gardens constant noise, house damage due to cracks and subsidence.

Damage to Homes

I have had a builder look at the plans sent to me and the impact it would have on my home- cracks in walls, subsidence, erosion and this is just the tip of the iceberg the level of work to put those anchors in under my home, in which I am NOT giving permission. CIE does not own the land under my home and has zero claim to it.

Enviornmental Factors

I also object because of environmental factors- pollution to the air which will affect our daily lives in the short and long-term causing irreparable damage.

The level of dust – we wouldn't be able to open our windows or hang out our washing to dry- so if it's dried inside it will cause dampness or in the drier the cost of electricity?

Also not being able to let pets outside and the impact this will have on them.

The rats at the moment are already a problem, our home will possibly become infested when they are disturbed.

Noise pollution from machinery like literally going underneath our house – and also in the vicinity of our homes for years- outside our bedroom windows!



Under our homes!!!

All this is not for our benefit, not for our children's benefit, no benefit to us whatsoever! I strongly object to this Dart+ altogether.

I would like to be notified if there is an oral hearing regarding the planning or any other stages of the planning, WITH PLEANTY OF NOTICE.

I can be contacted on

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Regards

Karen Balge