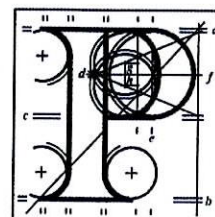


Our Case Number: ABP-316119-23

Planning Authority Reference Number:



**An
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Michael Mara
413 Kilmainham Square
Dublin 8

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,

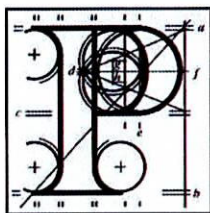
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Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

Observer's details

1. Observer's details (person making the observation)

If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.

If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

(a) Observer's name

Click or tap here to enter text.
Michael Mara

(b) Observer's postal address

Click or tap here to enter text.
413 Kilmainham Sq , Dublin 8

Agent's details

2. Agent's details (if applicable)

If you are an agent and are acting for someone else **on this observation**, please **also** write your details below.

If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

Click or tap here to enter text.

(b) Agent's postal address

Click or tap here to enter text.

Postal address for letters

3. During the process to decide the application, we will post information and items to you or to your agent. For this **current application**, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only)

You (the observer) at the postal address in Part 1

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The agent at the postal address in Part 2

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Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the **current application** you wish to make an observation.

- (a) **An Bord Pleanála case number for the current application (if available)**
(for example: 300000)

Click or tap here to enter text.

- (b) **Name or description of proposed development**

Dart+South West Railway Order

- (c) **Location of proposed development**

(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

Train lines out of Heuston , Kilmainham

Observation details

5. Grounds

Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below. There is **no word limit** as the box expands to fit what you write.

You can also insert photographs or images in this box. (See part 6 – Supporting materials for more information).

To whom it concerns

I would like to submit an observation in regard to the Dart+South West Railway Order development.

I am a resident of Kilmainanham SQ Dublin 8, of which the development will be right beside and behind.

Whilst I understand its importance of the development. I have some important and worrying concerns that I would like addressed.

Primarily I understand that the majority if this construction work will probably take place at night time. As I live adjacent to the actual train lines this is a very worrying issue for me. I and my partner like most people work daytime hours. And I fear that the construction works will severely impact on my ability to sleep during its duration and by extension ability to function normally on a daily basis as a result of lack of sleep. I would like to know what proposals if any the development has to minimise or exclude or buffer the amount of noise at night time hours?

I understand testing has been done in the complex at certain times, but also understand that sampling was poor. Only 3 apartments were sampled, including a 9th floor which is furthest away from the actual area of construction. I am on the second floor which is basically the closest.

I understand Vibration testing was carried out - and again sampling was poor. Nothing below 3rd floor level. It states that there will be no material vibration impact during vibration. I live on the second floor so clearly this is not sufficient or accurate given I can confirm the vibrations that do occur on a regular basis from trains that do pass during the day (and am willing to let my apt be used to sample said vibrations)

Furthermore there has been no information around mitigation to potential damage of the building

As I have asked in my initial query, I understand no detailed design or information around noise and air pollution mitigation has been offered.

5. Grounds

It is deeply worrying that the concerns of I and other residents of the complex should succumb to a very small and clearly inaccurate sample size. It is also even more grave that the results of that sample size could lead to a major disruption in standard of living for myself and many more without any proposed mitigation that would seem sufficient.

Regards

Michael Mara

Supporting materials

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

You can insert photographs and similar items in your observation details: grounds (part 5 of this form).

If your supporting materials are physical objects, you must send them together with your observation by post or deliver it in person to our office. You cannot use the online uploader facility.

Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct fee is included with your observation.

Observers (except prescribed bodies)

- strategic infrastructure observation is €50.
- there is no fee for an oral hearing request

Oral hearing request

8. If you wish to [request the Board to hold an oral hearing](#), please tick the “Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing” box below.

You can find information on how to make this request on [our website](#) or by contacting us.

If you do not wish to request an oral hearing, please tick the “No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing” box.

Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing

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No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing

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Final steps before you send us your observations

9. If you are sending us your observation using **the online uploader facility**, remember to save this document as a Microsoft word or PDF and title it with:

- the case number and your name, or
- the name and location of the development and your name.

This also applies to prescribed bodies sending an observation by email.

If you are sending your observation to us by post or delivering in person, remember to print off all the pages of this document and send it to us.

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Initials		Initials	
Date		Date	

Notes