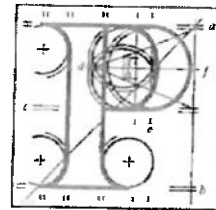


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An
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Noel and Anne Fitzgerald
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Date: 26 May 2023

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 (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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We wish to object to the above application, on the points outlined below.

- At present, we are subjected to noise levels with the current passenger and freight train lines, which run at the back of our property. With the proposals for Dart + South West, the noise levels would increase substantially, and especially with the introduction of two high speed Dart trains, that would be much more frequent than the standard passenger and freight trains that run at present, on a daily basis.
- There is a certain amount of vibration felt in our property, when trains pass by. This would certainly increase with the introduction of two extra Dart lines. We are very concerned that this would have an impact on the foundations and structure of our property.
- We are extremely concerned about the OHLE that power these electric trains, and the amount of EMF radiation that is released from these high powered electric lines. This issue is of major concern to us, as we spend a lot of time in our garden, especially in spring and summer.
- We are also deeply concerned about the effect that the issues listed above would have on the wildlife in the area. We are fortunate enough, at the moment, to enjoy a large number of wild birds that visit our back garden. With the issues regarding noise levels and the OHLE, their presence would decrease substantially if the proposals for Dart + South West were to be accepted.
- We also feel that if work starts along the rail line as proposed, this would disturb rodent nests, such as rats and mice, resulting in a huge infestation of these animals in our back gardens, and eventually in our homes.