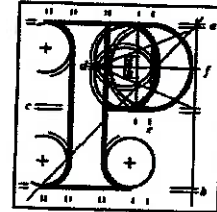


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**An
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Pleanála**

Residents of Glenbeigh Road
C/O Darragh O'Neill
24 Glenbeigh Road
Dublin 7
D07 V3W0

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.

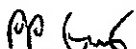
The Board will revert to you in due course with regard to the matter.

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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15th May 2023

To: SIDS@pleanala.ie

Observation: DART+ South West Electrified Railway Order 2023

Re.: Works Layout Plan No. 16, McKee Barracks Bridge (OB03) to Cabra Road Bridge (OB06)

From: Residents of Glenbeigh Road: Nos 2, 12, 14, 16, 24, 28, 30, 34, 36, 38, 46, 54.

To Whom It May Concern:

We, as a group of residents of Glenbeigh Road, are submitting an observation relating to the above-mentioned Dart+ South West Railway Order, pertaining specifically to Works No. 16.10 -

Construct a palisade fence on top of an existing low level masonry boundary wall. Works also include localised repairs to the existing boundary wall.

The proposed works will have significant social, environmental, community and mental-health impacts on us as residents of Glenbeigh Road.

The private laneway behind our properties and, more particularly, the narrow section of adjacent green land (behind the existing low level masonry laneway boundary wall) ("**the adjacent land**") has been an invaluable amenity to the residents of Glenbeigh Road and our community as a whole for over 70 years.

The laneway and adjacent land has provided a space that has been enjoyed by residents over many decades, being used by individuals, families and the community

for purposes ranging from areas for children to play, to socialise (children, older people, neighbours and friends), to garden, to grow fruit and vegetables, to hold neighbourhood events, all of which have contributed to building a strong sense of community amongst the residents of Glenbeigh Road.

In the following points, we outline some of the many reasons why we value our access to this space and why we would welcome consultation and reconsideration of the proposed works.

The residents of the adjacent land have shared private access to the laneway along the existing boundary wall for upwards of 70 years. For this reason we, as residents, will be severely impacted by the proposed works. We have not been consulted or engaged with as part of this railway order, nor were residents provided with the plans or details of proposed works outside of the public notice which came to our attention inadvertently through a resident living on Old Cabra Road.

We would ask that the following rationale for continued access and enjoyment of the adjacent land by the impacted residents of Glenbeigh Road be considered in your deliberation on this Railway Order.

- Glenbeigh Road is an exceptionally busy road between the Old Cabra Road and Blackhorse Avenue and as such is not suitable for children to play. The laneway and adjacent land have provided a safe space for our children to play and make friends over many years. Children (no. 15+) from the laneway families have for many years used, and continue to use, this area on a daily basis for safe and supervised play. Without this space, they would be deprived of this opportunity to meet, socialise and play with other children in a safe and protected environment.
- These spaces are not only used by children but by all residents, facilitating friendships between residents, young and old, and between those that have lived in the area for many decades and those that have moved here more recently. This has contributed to a very strong community being established over many years and the laneway and adjacent land has allowed us to celebrate this community by providing space for us to have neighbourhood "street parties" and other small gatherings. Particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, these areas behind our properties allowed residents who were isolated from the wider community to engage with neighbours or to exercise and access outdoor spaces in safe ways.
- The residents utilise the adjacent land for a multitude of purposes, which contribute to their mental health and the overall well-being of the community. These include gardening, growing fruit and vegetables, children's activities, exercising, keeping bees, and providing access to nature and biodiversity that thrives in this unbroken section of greenland.

- Currently, and for the last number of decades, access to this area has been privately restricted by gates at either end of the laneway behind the properties. In addition, the railway line itself and the proposed site of the material works is significantly below the level of the adjacent land and existing cut stone boundary wall (approx 50 ft). While it is recognised that, as part of the Railway Order, Iarnród Éireann is seeking to make secure and protect the railway line by making boundary works, the proposed works will have serious impact on the residents of the adjacent land, as outlined above. New works will not achieve a greater level of protection than is already provided by the natural mature tree lined verge boundary and boundary fencing already provided for in situ by the residents.

We would therefore request that consideration be given to providing for consultation with residents:

1. On alternatives to the proposed building of the palisade fencing and repairs to the boundary wall, as marked in Plan No. 16.
2. Could consideration be given, in consultation with residents, to an alternative placement of a barrier that would permit residents to retain access and enjoyment of this invaluable resource, Choice of boundary works materials to be permitted (e.g. greening/planting of beech hedging, willow or trees or alternative less harsh boundary treatment on the external boundary with the railway line and embankment)

We very much hope that a positive resolution can be reached on this matter and would welcome consultation on proposals of an alternative approach. We remain at your disposal for discussion and elaboration on any of the points outlined above.

Yours sincerely,

Darragh O'Neill, 24 Glenbeigh Road, [REDACTED]

All correspondence.

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