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Date: 12th March 2025.
Planning Application, No: ABP32193725.

Development: Flood defences at key locations along the Carrickmines and Shanganagh rivers.

Location: Carrickmines-Shanganagh Rivers at sites in the townlands of, Woodside, Kilgobbin, Carrickmines, Brennanstown, Shankill, Loughlinstown, Shanganagh, Hackettsland.

Line: Pearse to Shanganagh Junction

Mileage: 10-1168

Iarnród Éireann Recommendation: **Observations only**

Iarnród Éireann has the following **observations** in respect of the proposed development:

- 1) The Railway Safety Act 2005 places an obligation on any 3rd party working near the railway to ensure no danger or hazard is posed to railway operations. Due to the proximity of this site to the railway corridor, the Applicant must take due consideration of this obligation during the planning and construction of the development.
- 2) At no point should the applicant or their representatives enter railway property to undertake the construction of this development. It is imperative that the railway always remains inaccessible to prevent trespassing, both during the construction phase and in the future. This includes safeguarding against unauthorized access, especially through scaffolding or any other means.
- 3) Iarnród Éireann requests further details regarding the installation of protections, including temporary trench supports and other temporary works for the instream works at the interface with culvert UBR129. Liaison with Iarnród Éireann and C.I.É is required prior to the commencement of any works near the railway line to ensure safety and proper coordination.
- 4) Iarnród Éireann requests further details on the construction methodology for the proposed works, including any potential impact on the channel of the watercourse upstream or through the railway underbridge. This includes the construction of approximately 95 meters of stone-finished flood defense walls up to 1.8 meters high in the green area adjacent to Bayview Grove/Lawns. Additionally, clarification is required on how the proposed design will influence water flow and potential for scouring at the underbridge or flood water contacting the soffit of the bridge.
- 5) Iarnród Éireann acknowledges the ongoing communication and collaboration with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council regarding the East Coast Railway Infrastructure Protection Programme (ECRIPP). Given the nature of the proposed project to ECRIPP areas and the potential for cumulative / in combination effects, Iarnród Éireann requests that Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council continues the engagement to ensure alignment and consideration of any potential impacts on the railway and future projects.
- 6) No overhang of any part of the development over the railway property is to be allowed.
- 7) Should you intend to cut down trees that are in proximity of the railway line such that if they were to fall towards the line, they would block it, the Applicant must contact the Third-Party Co-ordinator by the email 3rdpartyapprovals@irishrail.ie for a safe system of work to be established to undertake this work.
- 8) Due to the size and nature of the proposed project The Applicant and / or his Agents should make direct Contact with The Third-Party Co-ordinator by the email 3rdpartyapprovals@irishrail.ie, to discuss this application and its impact on the railway in more detail.

These observations prioritize railway operational safety, and we advise that these points are communicated to the Applicant. Furthermore, these considerations should be incorporated as a condition of planning approval if the application is successful.