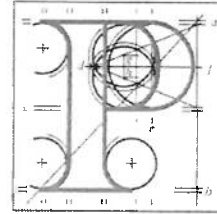


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Date: 17 September 2024

Re: DART + Coastal North Railway Order 2024 - Northern Line between Dublin City Centre and Drogheda including the Howth Branch
Dublin City Centre and Drogheda, located in counties Dublin, Meath and Louth

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent letter in relation to the above mentioned case. The contents of your letter have been noted. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid

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 relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board at laps@pleanala.ie

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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Written submission re Dart+ Coastal North Railway Order 2024

Dear Sirs

I write to formally express my objection to the above railway order. I live adjacent to the railway line and have significant concerns relating to the considerable works needed to upgrade the line and how the subsequent expansion of the railway will impact the wellbeing of my family home and the surrounding area that we live in.

While I want the rail service to be improved and note its many benefits, I feel all the residents who live along the line have been taken for granted and have suffered years of noise disruption and loss of privacy into our homes. My own home in particular lies at the back of a signal point where trains are often stalled for periods of time. Any increase of traffic on the line will exacerbate this issue, adding more noise disturbance, further loss of privacy and additional pollution into the immediate area.

Irish Rail and Dart+ have issued an adjoining neighbour with a compulsory purchase order of his land, however we are unaware of what this will mean for us. We live in a quiet cul-de-sac where our children are free to play without fear of danger from construction vehicles and traffic.

The proposed works will also cause a large-scale disturbance to rodents who have made burrows in the ditches along the line. Humans and machinery causing noise and ground movement in the area will likely disperse any rodents into homes along the line, which will cause a huge detrimental effect to residents, both financially and to overall health and well-being.

Irish Rail and Dart+ are assuming these works will have no additional impact on my home or the homes of the surrounding residents but have not made any effort in their

plans to either acknowledge, communicate or least not alleviate any of the above issues.

In summary, I would appeal for planning to be refused on the issues outlined above. Dart+ have had an inordinate amount of time to contact impacted residents directly but have decided not to, choosing to hold non-committal, sub-optimal meetings in hotel banquet rooms, both inconvenient to attend for young families and the elderly. They have not suggested any alternatives for noise cancellation, noise pollution or privacy measures, which I find extremely short-sighted and inconsiderate on their behalf for all those who will be impacted.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards

Aoife McKinnon