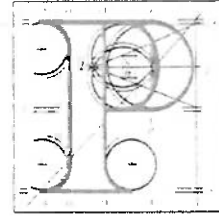


Our Case Number: ABP-320164-24



An
Bord
Pleanála

Catherine & David Tattersall
9 Baily Green
Howth
Dublin 13
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D13YN50

Date: 08 October 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 submission and oral hearing request in relation to the above mentioned proposed railway order and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.


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 relevant County Councils 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 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.

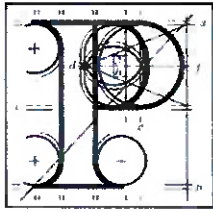
Yours faithfully,


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An Bord Pleanála

Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

AN BORD PLEANÁLA
 LDG- 074959-24
 ABP-
 18 SEP 2024
 Fee: € 50.00 Type: CHQ
 8.50 POST
 Time: By:

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: Catherine Tattersall + David Tattersall

(b) Observer's postal address: 9 Baily Green
Howth
D13YN50

Agent's details

2. Agent's details (if applicable)

N/A

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

The agent at the postal address in Part 2

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+Coastal North

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

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

Irish Rail DART

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).

Traffic Chaos / CO2 emissions -

6 times per hour each direction , 4 mins per closure = 24 mins. Max closure = 48 mins per hour

Backlog of traffic to Sutton Cross- more idling cars as well as traffic chaos.

Two minutes of idling uses the same amount of fuel as 1.6km of driving.

Engine idling wastes fuel and money. If drivers avoided idling for just 3 minutes every day of the year, CO2 emissions would be reduced by 1.4 million tonnes annually – the equivalent of taking 320,000 cars off the road.

Car exhaust contains nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), particulate matter (PM), carbon monoxide (CO) and carbon dioxide (CO2). Idling vehicles needlessly emit these dangerous pollutants into our air where they affect our environment and our health. In winter conditions, emissions from idling vehicle are more than double the normal level.

Distance to Cross

550.0 m via Station Rd/R106 average queue of 110 cars each direction plus the cars built up at peak times as the Cross and Dublin Rd. Add in another 50 cars = $220 + 50 = 270$ idling for 30 mins per hour

An hour of car idling burns approximately one-fifth of a gallon of fuel and releases nearly 2kg of CO2 into the air. Excessive amounts of CO2 in the atmosphere contributes to global warming. Particulate matter (PM) can aggravate asthma, cause coughing and difficulty in breathing, decrease

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lung function, exacerbate cardiovascular problems and lead to chronic bronchitis. Carbon monoxide (CO) slows delivery of oxygen to the body's organs and tissues. Exposure to CO aggravates heart disease and can cause headaches and visual impairment. Children are particularly vulnerable to air pollution because they breathe faster than adults and inhale more air per pound of body weight.

Buses

The 102 , H6 H3 H1 will all be delayed due to increased crossing closures. This could delay commuters who would then be inclined to drive cars instead

Schools on the Howth Peninsula

SuttonPark School, Santa Sabina Se.c School, St Fintan's Primary School, Howth Primary School, Burrow School all have catchment areas off the peninsula . Due to already inadequate public transport parents have to drop their children to these schools by traversing Sutton Cross. The traffic chaos already exists at school start and finish times. The chaos will be unimaginable when the DART crossing are closed twice as often

Inaccurate surveys done

At the meeting at the Marine Hotel on Mon 2nd Sept about the Irish Rail project for DART & Coastal North it was ascertained that at a previous meeting the study of commuter activity had not taken into account the apartments to be built at the Techcrete site in Howth and The Baily Court site in Howth and the development at the entrance to Howth Castle which together could add 2000 + people to the population which Howth Station serves. Proposed shuttle trains will not be able to accommodate the

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population of commuters wishing to travel when developments are completed next year as well as the thousands of tourists arriving and departing on trains.

Value of property / safety of children

At the aforementioned meeting Sept 2nd at the Marine Hotel it was pointed out that many people had purchased their homes at a premium due to the direct service of DART trains into the city. Replacing the direct service therefore :-

1. Devalues their homes. Will the government compensate these home owners for the devaluation of their properties ? And is it fair to change the goalposts (especially where elderly, disabled or mothers with buggies will now face severe challenges to access trains at Howth Junction station. Lifts broken 90% of the time,)
2. Families who purchased homes in the area with children who attend schools in the city such as Belvedere or Loretto are now extremely worried about their children alighting trains at Howth Junction. Think of winter nights wjth young teenagers negotiating the jobs/ drug dealers at Howth Junction . They really do fear for their safety. All Irish Rail have proposed is installing graffiti proof hoardings.

Scary environment of Howth Junction Station and capacity overload on trains

Many residents at the meeting had experience scary and antisocial behaviour at Howth Junction station. All are aware of the school girl who was pushed onto the Dart line at this station. There are many incidences of mobile phone thefts from children. We don't believe it's fair to expose our

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children and our elderly friends and relatives to job culture or having to jostle for position to board full trains coming from the North

Suspicious of fake so called 'public consultation' by the North Coastal Dart line project

Many people who have been through such schemes before involving public consultation believe that this is a box ticking exercise and the changes are already decided and planned for. This belief is reinforced by the lack of addressing these problems which were already identified by previous submissions from the public. None of these concerns have been addressed.

The fee for a submission has been set at 50 euro

This is an astronomical fee and residents believe it has been set to reduce the number of objections which the project will receive. (The last time I had to submit a fee 2 years ago to object to the Baily Court Howth development it was 20 euro . Will the Project/Planning Dept produce accounts as to where this money is spent?)

In summary on the basis of :-

- *Traffic chaos at the Cross, Air Pollution / Environmental harm to people
- *Extra fuel costs and extra use of cars
- *Devaluation of houses purchased on the basis of direct DART services
- *Danger to people (especially) children at Howth Junction station
- *Unreliability of being able to board a train at Howth Junction

THE DART COASTAL NORTH PROJECT MUST NOT GO AHEAD

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Proposal to be considered

Decrease the **direct** service from Howth Station to one train every 30 mins (currently one every 20 mins)

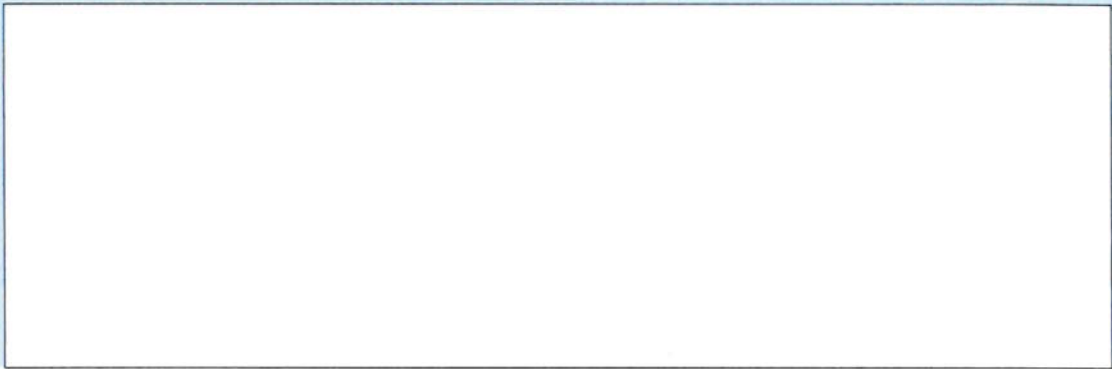
Increase the Northern service through Malahide to one train every 15 mins

Recommendation

1. An Bord Pleanála addresses all concerns of the residents of Howth/Sutton / Baldoyle and publishes a full report of all the concerns and what has been done to mitigate the concerns
2. An Bord Pleanála publishes the accounts to show (a) How the figure of 50 euro was decided (b) exactly where the money has been spent with a detailed set of accounts

Nearly 1000 very concerned local residents attended the meeting kindly organised by Cian OCallaghan and Joan Hopkins at the Marine Hotel last week on Sep 2nd. It was remarked that the turnout was huge and highlighted the anger and opposition to the DART North Coastal Project where flawed research had been submitted . The legitimate public concerns must be addressed,

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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

No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing

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.