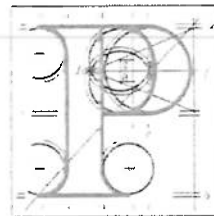


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**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

Clare McKenna and Others  
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**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 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 offices of 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](http://www.pleanala.ie).

If you have any queries in the meantime please contact the undersigned officer of the Board at [laps@pleanala.ie](mailto: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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To Whom it May Concern.

We are residents in Howth for over 40 years. My parents moved with our family and we have lived in the Summit in Howth ever since. After moving out in my late teens, I have returned to rent a couple of times in locations around Howth and once married bought a house with my husband in Baldoyle. He was born and raised in Howth and we have recently returned to live with my Mum in the Summit in Howth as my father died four years ago.

We know the trip in and out of Howth only too well. It is an amazing place and popular with so many, driving out at weekends would take hours if we were coming to visit from Baldoyle. Our kids have always played sports in the clubs in Howth, as my husband did and is now a coach, and they went to Montessori in Howth too.

Travelling across the dart tracks has always been an issue but it is accepted to have the amenity of a direct route into town and beyond and vice versa. Over the last couple of decades, the traffic coming in and out of Howth has only increased and with recent residential developments, it is only set to get worse. With essentially one way in and one way out of Howth, the traffic can be backed up all ways at peak times and at the weekend. Adding these new Dart plans and having longer for the tracks to be down would be detrimental to not only local residents but also visitors to the area and those who travel in for work.

The transport network of Dublin, and indeed the country, has improved over the years but it has still a long way to go. New traffic laws in the city centre make it almost impossible to drive in now which is the case in many modern cities, but the transport network is usually available to back that up. I love the Dart and as I say there are many improvements to the bus network to Howth Summit but there are still major gaps during peak times – long wait times in between darts – I would have hoped if anything there would be an increase in times rather than a disruption to the current service.

As a family, we totally appreciate that commuter towns need to be factored in to travel to Dublin and everyone needs to be in cars less and we agree with all of that, but not at the expense of the people of Howth, Sutton and surrounding areas. A plan to facilitate both needs to be explored.

In short, this new plan would cause major disruption to commuters on the Dart and bus services due to the traffic chaos that will surely ensue. This will impact residents, students, commuters and workers alike.

Also Howth Junction is not an adequate station for multiple changeovers, it is isolated and not accessible to many, lifts are often out of service.

We request that you deny this planning application in favour of a plan that will facilitate commuter belt counties AND our area too, one should not adversely affect the other.

Yours sincerely,

Clare McKenna

Anne McKenna

Jonathan O'Connor