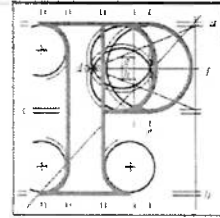


**Our Case Number: ABP-320164-24**



**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

Keith Ryan  
Patell  
Seapoint  
Ballybriggan  
K32P899

**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.

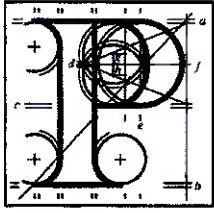
Yours faithfully,

  
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# Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

## 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

Keith Ryan

(b) Observer's  
postal address

Patell, Seapoint, Balbriggan, County Dublin K32P899

## Agent's details

### 2. Agent's details (if applicable)

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)

320164

- (b) **Name or description of proposed development**

DART+Coastal North Railway Order 2024

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

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

North Dublin, Balbriggan, as per server plan referenced DCN-SM-017230-5027

## 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).

I object to taking possession of any area of my property or accessway, with the following points being my initial primary points of concern:

- Access / egress: The area marked on the Property Layout Plan is the only access / egress to my home.
- Health & Safety: Concerns for the health and safety of my family and I (which consists of school going age through to elderly persons).
- Emergency Services: The proposed plan restricts access for emergency services.
- The articles of the draft Railway Order are extremely vague and worded in such a way to be essentially 'catch all' articles in favour of the Applicant.
- The articles of the draft Railway Order propose to give the Applicant the power to alter existing surrounding infrastructure / buildings and/or to construct new infrastructure / buildings in private and/or public property.
- Duration: Article 15 of the draft Railway Order aims to provide the Applicant with an excessive construction period of 10 years. This will have a significant impact to residents, the natural environment as well as property value
- The "Third Schedule" outlines the land which temporary possession may be taken & refers to drawing "Works Layout 17/2" for further

## 5. Grounds

information. Having reviewed, I believe the incorrect drawing reference (17/2) is stated in the "Third Schedule".

In my opinion, in general, the documents of the draft Railway Order application are vague, (one could ask if this is intentional) with the Applicant seeking to gain significant power & rights to alter public and private lands. There is no details on how the scope of the draft Railway Order 2024 is to coordinate and comply with local county council planning regulations? Additionally, there is no information provided in relation to coordination with Fingal County Council's / NTA plans for Coast Way / Greenways and their plans for improvements to local areas, which are overlapping with the scope outlined in the draft Railway Order 2024 documents.

## 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.