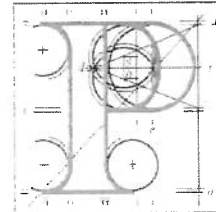


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**An  
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Thomas McCarthy  
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**Date:** 18 October 2024

**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 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](http://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](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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12 October 2024

For the Attention of: The Secretary, An Bord Pleanála

Dear Sir, Madam

Dart + Coastal North Railway Order Application  
(Ref: ABP-320164-24)

I am writing to make a number of observations regarding the above referred to Railway Order. I <sup>am</sup> writing regarding one aspect of this Railway Order namely the construction of a turnback facility just north of Malahide station and south of the Malahide Estuary Viaduct.

It is proposed the construction of the turnbacks facility takes place to the rear of Blocks 19 and 20 of Malahide Marina Village in part. I own a bottom unit of one of the duplexes in these blocks. I look up to the existing railway tracks through my back living room window and from my patio style back garden. My garden is approximately 6 yards long. My garden wall abuts the access road to Malahide Water Works which is

approximately 10 yards wide. On the other side of this road there is an embankment on <sup>top of</sup> which the existing railway lines sit. From my back window to the existing railway tracks is at most 20 yards. A physical inspection of the site by one of your planning officers would in my view be very worthwhile.

I make the following observations:

- (i) Because of the proximity of my property to the location for the construction of the turnback I fear the impact of noise/vibration/and dust will be way too severe. It is of no comfort to read that these will be "monitored" during construction, whatever that means.
- (ii) I fear that the security of my property will be compromised during the course of construction because of all the comings and goings of people during the construction process.
- (iii) On completion of the construction process I fear that the access to natural light from my apartment will be severely compromised as a result of the existence of the turnback and all the trains turning round during the course of the day from early morning until late at night.
- (iv) I fear that the artificial lighting proposed for the turnback facility spilling into the back of my property will be very detrimental.
- (v) During the course of construction I fear that traffic flow in Nalabide Village which is already very clogged at certain times will become even worse. Residents of Nurina Village

must drive through the village to go anywhere. If emergency services are required anywhere in Marina Village they also can only access through Malahide Village.

(vi) I fear the commencing of the car park to the rear of Marina Village by Irish Rail for construction purposes could destroy the local businesses adjacent to that car park which include inter alia (a) a crèche (b) a dog groomer (c) a personal fitness studio (d) a marina and boatyard (e) a laundry (f) an accountancy practice (g) an office space to facilitate people working from home.

In summary I suggest the site chosen by Irish Rail for this turnback with Malahide Estuary to its immediate west and Blocks 19 and 20 of Malahide Marina Village to its immediate east must be one of the most confined locations for same anywhere along the Dublin to Drogheda Railway line. Surely there must be better, less intrusive sites for a turnback along the railway line.

I attach required cheque for E50.

Yours Sincerely

Thomas J O'Grady