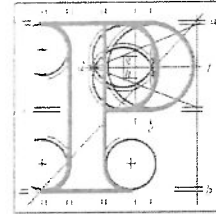


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**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Uisce Éireann
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Date: 06 November 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.

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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Please find attached Uisce Éireann's response.

Regards

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Is don duine amháin nó don eintiteas amháin ainmnithe ar an seoladh an fhaisnéis agus d'fhéadfadh ábhar faoi rún, faoi phribhléid nó ábhar atá íogair ó thaobh na tráchtála de a bheith mar chuid den fhaisnéis. Tá toirmeasc ar aon daoine nó aon eititis; nach dóibh siúd an fhaisnéis- aon athbheithniú a dhéanamh, aon atarchur a dhéanamh nó aon athdháileadh a dhéanamh, nó aon úsáid eile a bhaint as an bhfaisnéis, nó aon ghníomh a bhraithfeadh ar an bhfaisnéis seo a dhéanamh agus d'fhéadfaí an dlí a shárú dá ndéanfaí sin. Séanann Uisce Éireann dliteanas as aon ghníomh agus as aon iarmhairt bunaithe ar úsáid neamhúdraithe na faisnéise seo. Séanann Uisce Éireann dliteanas maidir le seachadadh iomlán agus ceart na faisnéise sa chumarsáid seo agus séanann Uisce Éireann dliteanas maidir le haon mhoill a bhaineann leis an bhfaisnéis a fháil. Má tá an ríomh-phost seo

faighte agat trí dhearmad, déan teagmháil leis an seoltóir más é do thoil é agus scríos an t-ábhar ó gach aon ríomhaire. D'fhéadfadh ríomhphost a bheith so-ghabhálach i leith truaillithe, idircheaptha agus i leith leasuithe neamhúdraithe. Séanann Uisce Éireann aon fhreagracht as athruithe nó as idircheapadh a rinneadh ar an ríomhphost seo nó as aon dochar do chórais na bhfaighteoírí déanta ag an teachtaireacht seo nó ag a ceangaltáin tar éis a sheolta. Tabhair faoi deara go bhféadfadh monatóireacht a bheith á dhéanamh ar theachtairreachtaí chuig Uisce Éireann agus ó Uisce Éireann d'fhonn ár ngnó a chosaint agus chun a chinntiú go bhfuiltear ag teacht le beartais agus le caighdeáin Uisce Éireann. Is cuideachta gníomhaíochta ainmnithe é Uisce Éireann atá faoi theorainn scaireanna, a bunaíodh de bhun fhorálacha na n-Achtanna um Sheirbhísí Uisce 2007-2022, a bhfuil a bpríomh-ionad gnó ag Teach Colvill, 24-26 Sráid na Talbóide, BÁC 1.

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Thank you for your attention.

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Planning Ref: ABP- 320164-24

Issue Date: 23 October 2024

Development Location:

The railway between Dublin City Centre (Connolly Station) and Drogheda MacBride Station, including the Howth Branch.

Development Description:

Railway Order DART+ Coastal North – Application by Iarnród Éireann to carry out railway and associated works necessary to enable the construction, operation, maintenance and improvement of the railway and provide an extension of the existing electrified rail network from Malahide to Drogheda MacBride stations.

Works include-

- Track modifications including the provision of turnback facilities at Malahide, Clongriffin and Howth Junction & Donaghmede Stations;
- Station modifications;
- Bridge modifications/improvements to facilitate extended electrification;
- Construction of substations (to facilitate the provision of power to the line); and
- Use of land for temporary construction/storage compounds.

A Chara,

As the National Water Utility Uisce Éireann delivers water services pursuant to the Water Services Act (and other legislation) and in accordance with our statutory functions and ancillary responsibilities and in a manner which is consistent with public policy.

Uisce Éireann is responsible for the delivery of all public water and wastewater services in Ireland. We are committed to continuously upgrading and developing critical infrastructure to support growth in our economy, while protecting the environment and safeguarding water supplies.

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This submission has been considered in the context of Uisce Éireann's obligations to provide public water services; Uisce Éireann's Capital Investment Plan to deliver those services, and the protection of existing and future public infrastructure to facilitate growth in those areas identified for expansion under the various Statutory Local Area Plans and County Development Plans.

Uisce Éireann's Assessment/Observation(s):

It is imperative that Uisce Éireann's infrastructure, both existing and planned, is protected and future proofed to ensure continued provision of critical services.

Uisce Éireann has reviewed the plans and particulars listed online for the subject Railway Order Application, with specific regard to the Planning Report, Chapter 10 (Water) & 11 (Hydrogeology) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and the associated drawings.

Description of the Known and Future Likely Interactions

The applicant, Iarnród Éireann (Irish Rail), has engaged with Uisce Éireann Diversion's section to assess a number of proposed interactions with Uisce Éireann infrastructure. The focus of this engagement is to consider whether diversions/build overs and build near to Uisce Éireann assets are required to facilitate this project. Uisce Éireann has reviewed the plans and particulars provided and are listed in in the table below.

Please note this list is based on the best information available to Uisce Éireann and the applicant at this time. It should not be considered an exhaustive list of all diversions that may be required. Therefore, any additional diversions that may be required, in excess of those listed below, should be agreed with Uisce Éireann at the earliest possible stage, e.g. prior to the commencement of works.

Location	Type	Diameter (mm)	Material	Drawing No.
Clongriffin Station	Wastewater	1500	Concrete	D+WP56-ARP-P4-NL-DR-RO-000414 P01 D+WP56-ARP-P4-NL-DR-RO-000413 P02
Clongriffin Station	Water	450	Ductile Iron	D+WP56-ARP-P4-NL-DR-RO-000414 P01 D+WP56-ARP-P4-NL-DR-RO-000413 P02
Drogheda MacBride (R312)	Wastewater	300 & 225	Concrete & Clay	D+WP56-ARP-P4-NL-DR-RO-000415 P01 D+WP56-ARP-P4-NL-DR-RO-000416 P01
Drogheda MacBride (R312)	Water	100	Ductile Iron	D+WP56-ARP-P4-NL-DR-RO-000415 P01 D+WP56-ARP-P4-NL-DR-RO-000416 P01

Designs for all diversions are required to be agreed with Uisce Éireann at the Detailed Design stage of the project, and in all instances prior to works commencing near Uisce Éireann assets..

There is potential that works are required to facilitate the diversion of Uisce Éireann assets on third party lands. Easements to allow Uisce Éireann access to assets must be in place before diversion agreements can be finalised.

Connections to Public Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

The applicant submits that no new connections to public infrastructure are required for the proposed; telecommunication equipment rooms, track panelling huts and signalling equipment buildings and it is Uisce Éireann's opinion, based on the information and plans provided that these specific proposed upgrade works to the existing train stations do not require upgraded infrastructure connections.

In regard to the proposed new connections to public wastewater infrastructure required for three substations at North Skerries, Gormanston and Bettystown, Iarnród Éireann is required to enter into a connection agreement(s) for these connections prior to the commencement of development.

Drinking Water Source Protection

Uisce Éireann prioritises the protection of public drinking water sources. In this context the development proposals have been assessed for potential impacts to drinking water sources. Uisce Éireann notes the linear works occurring within a length of existing track in close proximity to Uisce Éireann's Barnageeragh water abstraction point.

The development shall not impact any Drinking Water Source and/or waters used for the abstraction of drinking water nor cause any deterioration in quality during the construction and operational phase of the proposed development.

Uisce Éireann's Recommendations

In order to ensure adequate provision and protection of public water and wastewater services, Uisce Éireann respectfully requests the following condition(s) included in any grant of permission:

1. The Diversion/Build Over/Build Near agreements between Uisce Éireann and the applicant must be executed prior to any works commencing to/near the Uisce Éireann infrastructure.
2. Any diversion of Uisce Éireann infrastructure on third party lands will require easements to benefit Uisce Éireann to be put in place.
3. Any additional proposals by the applicant to build over or divert existing water or wastewater services shall be submitted to Uisce Éireann for written approval, prior to the commencement of development.
4. The applicant shall enter into a connection agreement(s) with Uisce Éireann prior to the commencement of the development and adhere to the standards and conditions set out in that agreement.
5. The applicant shall ensure that there will be no negative impact to any of Uisce Éireann's drinking water sources and/or abstractions which may be in proximity to the development during construction and/or operational phases of the development.

Reason: To protect existing and proposed public water and wastewater infrastructure.

Queries relating to the terms and observations above should be directed to planning@water.ie

PP Ali Robinson

Signed on behalf of Dermot Phelan
Connections and Developer Services



Uisce Éireann is a statutory consultee under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). Uisce Éireann's job is to deliver the highest quality drinking water to taps every day and ensure that wastewater is properly treated and safely returned to the environment. To ensure the satisfactory completion of a development, any permission, approval, or consent granted pursuant to the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) that requires a new connection(s) to water services should include a condition that requires the applicant or developer to enter into a connection agreement(s) with Uisce Éireann prior to the commencement of development. Any person discharging trade effluent to a sewer, must have a Trade Effluent Licence issued pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act, 1977 (as amended). Trade effluent is defined in the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act, 1977 (as amended).