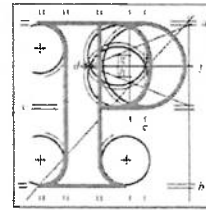


**Our Case Number:** ABP-320164-24



**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

Bryan Byrne & Sarah Reilly  
10 Asgard Road  
Howth  
Co. Dublin  
D13 ND35

**Date:** 10 September 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.

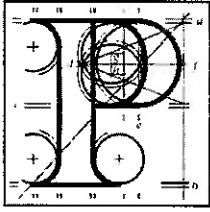
Yours faithfully,

Aisling Reilly  
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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

Bryan Byrne, Sarah Reilly

(b) Observer's  
postal address

10 Asgard Road, Howth, Co Dublin, D13ND35

### 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

Not applicable

(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

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

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

Howth, Howth Jnt, Drogheda

## 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).

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally object to the DART+ Coastal North Railway Order that proposes extending DART services from Malahide to Drogheda. While the project aims to improve public transportation, it raises significant concerns that could adversely affect residents and commuters in the Howth and surrounding areas.

1. **Increased Traffic Congestion:** The proposed extension is likely to lead to increased traffic congestion, particularly around railway crossings. Many passengers may be unwilling to change trains at Howth Junction due to the inconvenience and the high likelihood of not securing a seat during peak periods. This reluctance to transfer could result in more people opting to drive, exacerbating traffic congestion in the area.
2. **Safety Concerns at Howth Junction:** The changeover at Howth Junction is already perceived as unsafe, particularly for vulnerable groups such as children. There was a disturbing incident last summer where a woman was kicked onto the tracks at Howth Junction, underscoring the risks associated with this station. Increasing the volume of passengers transferring at this location will only heighten these dangers, particularly for young commuters.
3. **Impact on Property and Commuting:** When purchasing property in Howth, many residents did so with the understanding that there would be a direct rail link to the Southside, facilitating easy access to family and work. The proposed changes will remove this direct connection, significantly reducing the convenience and safety of commuting. The need to transfer at Howth Junction, especially during busy periods, diminishes the appeal of using the DART service and may lead to more people opting to drive, further contributing to traffic and environmental issues.
4. **Railway Crossings and Local Traffic:** The extension of the DART service to Drogheda will necessitate more frequent closures of railway crossings to accommodate increased train traffic. This will disrupt local traffic flow and could lead to significant delays for residents, further increasing congestion and frustration.

In light of these concerns, I urge you to reconsider the proposed DART+ Coastal North extension and explore alternative solutions that would address these issues

## 5. Grounds

without compromising the safety, convenience, and quality of life for current residents and commuters.

Thank you for considering my objections. The above concerns are shared by many residents of Asgard Road.

Sincerely,

Bryan Byrne and Sarah Reilly

## 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.

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**For Office Use Only**

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Initials		Initials	
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**Notes**