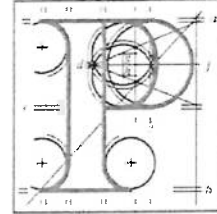


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**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Geraldine Nolan
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Date: 19 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,

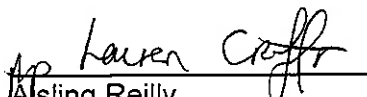
An Bord Pleanála has received your recent letter in relation to the above mentioned case. The contents of your letter have been noted. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

More detailed information in relation to strategic infrastructure development can be viewed on the Board's website: www.pleanala.ie.

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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I live in Sutton and am concerned about the impact this proposal will have on our community. Howth has had direct rail service to the city centre for over forty years and in that time the population has increased dramatically. We should be encouraging the use of public transport and this change is a step backwards.

Forcing a train full of passengers to disembark at Howth Junction at peak time instead of bringing them directly to their destination will result in more people using their cars. The DART is one of the cleanest forms of public transport and moving commuters to cars should not be encouraged.

Howth Junction has a history of anti-social behaviour including assaults and most notably a girl being pushed under a train. The station is poorly maintained with lifts constantly malfunctioning. The station is not fit for purpose. Is this a suitable location for children commuting to school to be changing trains?

It is clear that Irish Rail has a capacity issue between Howth Junction and the city centre. However, sacrificing the residents of Baldoyle, Sutton and Howth should not be the alternative to proper investment in our railway network.

The residents of Fingal have been let down by underinvestment in public transport by successive governments. Fingal is one of the fastest growing areas in the country, yet there is no Metro or Luas line serving the area. Diluting public transport in one area in an attempt to serve another is not a viable long term solution.

The impact of increased wait times at level crossings should also be considered. Level crossings impact buses, pedestrians, cyclists and cars alike. Residents are now facing a scenario of trains that only go to Howth Junction and buses stuck behind level crossings.

Yours,

Geraldine Nolan