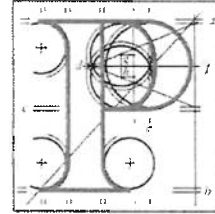


Our Case Number: ABP-320164-24



**An
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Pleanála**

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Date: 17 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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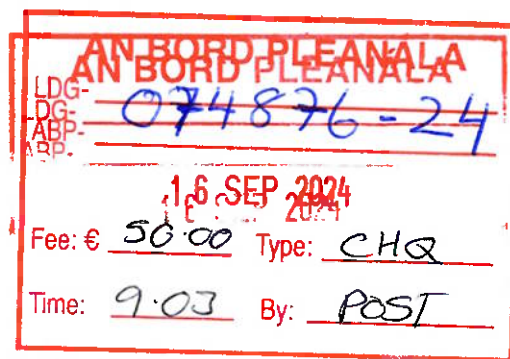
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Re: Observation on Planning Application

Railway Order application for the DART+Coastal North project

Register Reference No: 320164 / 24

Dear Sir or Madam,

I wish to submit an observation on the application that lives in the Sutton area and where the proposed project would impact on my residential amenity.

I express strong opposition to the end of DART direct services from Howth, Sutton and Bayside to the city centre and beyond.

The removal of direct services from Howth, Sutton and Bayside and the introduction of a shuttle DART service especially during peak times I would have concerns on the knock-on effect on the traffic in the local area.

The direct train service has been running to Howth Station since 1847. The project would have the direct service replaced with a shuttle DART operating between Howth and Howth Junction and Donaghmede Station This would mean I would have to change DART line to continue my journey into the city centre and beyond. This would cause difficulties with limited mobility and disabilities and the need to use the lifts at all times.

The National Policy wished to encourage people to use sustainable transport. The loss of DART direct service I submit will increase the usage of private car usage and impact traffic queues on the wider road network.

An Oral Hearing will allow further discussion about the project and the negative impacts on proposed DART changes, loss of direct train service, level crossing closures and traffic congestion.

I would appreciate your sympathetic consideration of this observation. I enclose payment for the required fee of €50. Please acknowledge receipt of this submission.

Yours faithfully



Joseph O'Connor