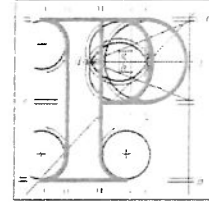


Our Case Number: ABP-320164-24



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Karen Brown
249 Malahide Marina Village
Malahide
K36 NP90

Date: 05 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 submission and oral hearing request in relation to the above mentioned case. The contents of your letter have been noted.

Please be advised that as your name appears to be listed on the compulsory purchase order schedule which accompanied this application, a refund will be made to the credit/debit card used to make the online observation.

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.

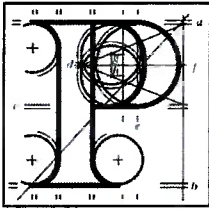
Yours faithfully,

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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

Karen Brown

(b) Observer's postal address

249 Malahide Marina Village, Malahide, K36 NP90

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

(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

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

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

Works around Malahide Station

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).

As a resident of Malahide Marina Village, I object to the proposed turnback project being proposed north of Malahide station on the following points:

Landscape and visual landscape – The proposed turnback project north of Malahide station will have a negative impact on visual amenity, including a significant negative impact on scenic views of Malahide Estuary. The impact of these changes will significantly alter the views from properties in the vicinity of the turnback. Furthermore, the aesthetic of the estuary could be altered, potentially affecting property values and the scenic views that contribute to the charm and appeal of living by the estuary.

The construction of a permanent raised walkway, handrail, and lighting will also affect the visual amenity for residents who currently have a view of the estuary. There are concerns that trains could be stationary for some time while there is a driver changeover.

There are concerns of the adverse effect of light pollution on wildlife and ecosystems in existence in Malahide Estuary SAC.

Construction impacts

Noise and vibration during the construction phase will require the existing OHLE and signalling systems to be modified with new OHLE masts typically

5. Grounds

every 40-50 metres along each side of the tracks, excavating to allow for piling rig access, piling works over several months, resulting in a negative impact to residents adjoining the work sites. It is envisaged that construction works will be by day (especially at weekends) and some by night. It will also necessitate some nighttime weekend work. All of this will result in a negative quality of life for all residents, those who are elderly and those who work from home.

Access roads and traffic during construction

A construction staging area next to the water treatment plan will result in the access road not being unavailable during these construction works and temporary access to the Wastewater Treatment Plant is proposed through the existing Marina Village Road. This will have a significant negative residual impact on the residents and commercial units in the Marina Village with increased commercial vehicles and construction traffic congestion on the Marina Village Road.

Impact on wider community

The proposed traffic access route will have a negative impact on the wider community with main construction traffic going through Old Street and James' Terrace, where there are already significant traffic constraints. It is suggested that larger vehicles could require the removal of on-street parking in the village, and even a possible 2-way traffic configuration on James Terrace that is currently a 1-way road. Such movement of construction vehicles would negatively impact community facilities such as schools and places where people live, shop or recreate.

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I would suggest that Irish Rail re-consider option 5b that was previously eliminated as a preferred option based on the following factors:

- Option 5b (sees the turnback facility re located to the north of the existing estuary crossing) would deliver TSS from a Train operations functionality perspective.
- Indeed, it was called out in Annex 3.4 – Technical Optioneering Report Appendix A: Detailed MCA Table, that option 5b option has some comparative advantage over Options 2a and 2b as there is less loss of trees and hedgerows and less visual impact for properties east of the railway.
- Regarding noise and vibration, this option is not near sensitive receptors for construction or operational noise making this a more attractive option for noise and vibration
- Under Transport Integration, this option 5b has no significant long term impact on other existing transport systems.
- It was suggested that one of the factors for 5b not progressing was due to it being considered overly remote with the potential to impact on driver welfare considerations.
- I would therefore ask that residents and homes owners' welfare be taken into consideration

5. Grounds

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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.