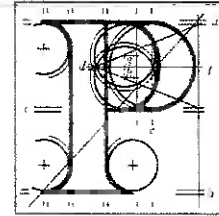


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**An
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Pleanála**

Les Doyle
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Date: 08 October 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 in relation to the above mentioned proposed railway order and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

The Board will revert to you in due course with regard to the matter.

Please be advised that copies of all submissions / observations received in relation to the application will be made available for public inspection at the offices of the relevant County Councils and at the offices of An Bord Pleanála when they have been processed by the Board.

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 the meantime 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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20/09/2024

**Re: Online Submission – DART + Coastal North- Railway Order
Application. ABP case no. 320164**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to make the following online submission in respect of the above proposed Railway Order Application.

During the Public Consultation process I expressed strong opposition to to parts of this proposal, primarily being against the proposed ending of direct DART services from the Howth, Sutton and Bayside Stations.

I also expressed serious safety concerns in having to use Howth Junction + Donaghmede as a changeover station.

This station, unfortunately, has a long history of anti-social behaviour and while it is acknowledged that Irish Rail propose a re-design, it does not allay my fears. I would not feel safe having to use this station.

As a road user I am also very concerned about the knock-on effect this will undoubtedly have on traffic, in particular, at local level crossings and the amount of extra time the gates will have to be closed to let the required additional DARTS pass by, this will cause huge disruption.

I welcome the progress to extend the DART service to facilitate Drogheda but ask that the existing direct service (which I frequently use and have done, since it's inception) be retained and that other ways of managing the arriving DARTS from both sides at Howth Junction + Donaghmede be further explored without the need to changeover.

Thank you for taking my submission into account.

Yours faithfully,

Les Doyle.