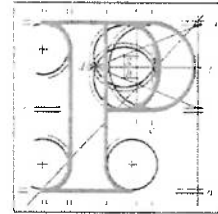


Our Case Number: ABP-320164-24



An
Bord
Pleanála

Margaret Kelly
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Date: 20 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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Objections to proposed Dart changes.

I'd like to object to the current application for changes to the direct dart service to Howth based on the following observations.

Waiting times, current waiting times at level crossings in the area can be up to 3 or 4 mins up to six times an hour, this already has an impact on tramc in the area. Iarnrod Eireann are

proposing a shuttle service between Howth Junction and Howth that will see shuttle trains running up to 12 times an hour with the possibility of 30mins of closure for every hour. This will have a negative impact on tramc that could be as far reaching as Portmarnock and Donaghmede. Emergency services may be compromised, bus routes will be delayed,

residents in houses close to level crossings will be blocked in or out of their homes. Pollution will increase.

Increased Journey Times. Having to change trains in Howth Junction will increase Journey times for all commuters.

Despite promises of upgrades to the layout and facilities in Howth Junction Station. It still remains a difficult area to navigate especially for those more vulnerable in society. Security is currently non-existent and lifts are regularly out of order. Having to change trains in Howth

Junction will discourage many people from commuting by train and instead taking their car.

We currently have two new building developments in Howth with more proposed in the near future. Our local population is growing. Will trains coming from Malahide have enough capacity during peak hours to comfortably carry all commuters from Howth, Sutton and

Bayside stations?

Howth is a well know and popular destination for both tourist and locals. Our current direct Dart service brings many people to howth on a daily basis throughout the year. Removing our direct service will have a negative impact on many local business especially within the

hospitality sector and this will also have a negative impact on employment opportunities in the area.

Submitted by Margaret Kelly on behalf of myself and local residents.

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