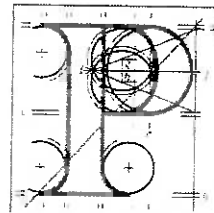


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**Date:** 13 September 2024

**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,

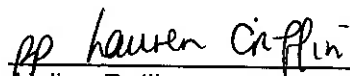
An Bord Pleanála has received your recent letter in relation to the above mentioned case. The contents of your letter have been noted. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

More detailed information in relation to strategic infrastructure development can be viewed on the Board's website: [www.pleanala.ie](http://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](mailto: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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12<sup>th</sup> September 2024

We wish to make the following observations on the above application for planning permission.

An Bord Pleanála should only grant permission on condition that the direct Dart service between Howth and Connolly is retained at a minimum 2x trains per hour in each direction daily.

In support of this, we contend that discontinuation of the direct service at this minimum frequency level would,

- Pose a real threat to the safety and welfare of children who use the service to access their schools either from or going to the Howth, Sutton, Baldoyle wider area.
- Pose a real threat to the safety and welfare of the vulnerable and old in the affected communities who use the service as their sole method of transport into Dublin and their connection with the rest of Ireland.
- Act as an incentive for residents of these areas to use their cars which, in addition to being contrary to government policy, would also add to the traffic congestion being experienced in the area but particularly at Sutton Cross.
- Diminish the value of residential and business properties in the area affected by discontinuing a service they have depended on since the 1840's and on which all recent residential planning approvals have been based.

We thank you for your consideration.

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