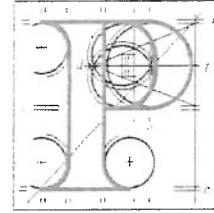


Our Case Number: ABP-320164-24



**An
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Pleanála**

Office of Public Works
c/o Patrick Gaines
Jonathan Swift Street
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Date: 06 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 letter in relation to the above mentioned case. The contents of your letter have been noted.

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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From: LAPS
Sent: Thursday 24 October 2024 14:59
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Subject: FW: Dart and Coastal North Project
Attachments: DART-Ref ABP-320164-24.pdf

From: SIDS <sids@pleanala.ie>
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2024 10:21 AM
To: LAPS <laps@pleanala.ie>
Subject: FW: Dart and Coastal North Project

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Sent: Thursday 24 October 2024 10:04
To: SIDS <sids@pleanala.ie>
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From: Patrick Gaines <patrick.gaines@opw.ie>
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 5:27 PM
To: Bord <bord@pleanala.ie>
Subject: Dart and Coastal North Project

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached observation. The OPW is exempt from submission fees.

Regards

Patrick Gaines

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Flood Projects Management

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An Bord Pleanála,
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Date: 23/10/2024

Our Ref: 693-2024

Re: DART and Coastal North Railway Order Application (Ref: ABP-320164-24)

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Office of Public Works (OPW) wishes to express and reiterate its overall support for the DART and Coastal North Project. The OPW is responsible for maintenance of the Matt arterial drainage scheme at Balbriggan, which falls under the statutory remit of this office to maintain under the 1945 Arterial Drainage Act.

Where development occurs in the vicinity of an arterial drainage scheme, continued access is required by the OPW for maintenance. Development should not interfere with drainage works/flood relief works maintained by this office such as channels, embankments, walls etc. This office also requests that a 10 - metre wide strip measured back from the top edge of the bank be retained adjacent to arterial drainage scheme channels to permit access for plant and maintenance. This strip should not be fenced, paved, or landscaped in a manner that would prevent access by plant machinery.

Information on these locations can be found at https://www.floodinfo.ie/map/drainage_map/.

By law, the consent of the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland is required for certain agencies proposing to carry out construction/alteration works on bridges and culverts.

The restrictions on the construction or alteration of bridges is set out under [Section 50 of the Arterial Drainage Act, 1945](#).

The design and construction of bridges and culverts should be such that flood risks up- and / or down-stream are not increased, or, where no other viable options exist, are restricted to acceptable levels, and should comply with any flood risk management objectives and plans established for the area.

The restrictions on the erection, alteration, etc., of weirs is set out under [Section 47 of the Arterial Drainage Act, 1945](#).

The modification or relocation of a watercourse, embankment or other works that has or have been completed pursuant to a drainage scheme are set out under [Section 9 of the Arterial Drainage \(Amendment\) Act, 1995](#).



To learn more about these consents, please visit [Consent Requirements - Construction/Alteration of Watercourse Infrastructure](#)

As part of the Government's National Development Plan to 2030, €1.3bn has been committed to the development of flood relief schemes (FRS) and measures across Ireland. Drogheda FRS is currently at Development and Preliminary Design (Stage I) in the project lifecycle. Further information is available at: www.droghedabaltrayfrs.ie

Information on active, completed, and future flood relief schemes is available at: <https://www.floodinfo.ie/scheme-info/>.

Further queries in relation to arterial drainage schemes should be addressed to drain.admin@opw.ie.

Yours Sincerely

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Flood Projects Management