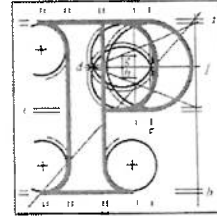


Our Case Number: ABP-320164-24



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

St Domhnach's Well Residents Association
c/o John McDermott
26 St Domhnach's Well
Baldoyle Road
Dublin 13

Date: 10 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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23 August 2024

To whom it may concern

AN BORD PLEANÁLA	
LDG-	<u>074775-24</u>
ABP-	
10 SEP 2024	
Fee: €	<u>50</u> Type: <u>CHQ</u>
Time:	<u>9.00</u> By: <u>POST</u>

I am writing to you on behalf of St Domhnach's Well Residents Association, which is beside the DART Line on Baldoyle Road, to voice our strong objection to the proposed DART shuttle line between Howth Junction and Howth, which will remove direct access to the city centre for many people.

There are a number of causes for concern

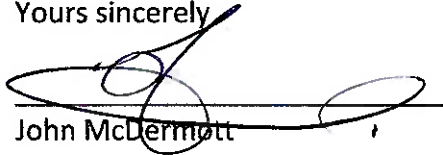
1. Residents have found it increasingly difficult to get in and out of the estate in the last number of years since the timetable was changed and the level crossing can be closed for up to 10 minutes at a time. The proposed change will result in increased closures of the level crossing of up to 32 minutes out of every hour. This will increase congestion on a road that is already busy as a route for new housing estates in North Dublin. Leaving or accessing St Domhnachs Well will be even more difficult and this will negatively affect the large number of elderly residents in the estate who depend on their car for mobility and will face increased restrictions.
2. Access to Dart at Howth Junction - Donaghmede: It is hard to understand how the number of passengers will be managed. Bearing in mind that passengers will arrive from stations to the south and north and converge on Howth Junction there will be no chance that any passengers at Howth Junction will be able to access the service, especially at commuting times. In addition people coming from Howth, Sutton and Bayside will be disembarking here to carry on to the City Centre and elsewhere adding to the overall numbers to be managed.
3. Many of our residents and other neighbours travel from the City to Sutton late at night and have experienced antisocial behaviour, intimidation, bullying and drug dealing on the DART but in particular at Howth Junction station. Until you have addressed the problem of anti-social behaviour asking passengers carrying on to Bayside, Sutton and Howth to get off and wait at this station for a shuttle is unacceptable and demonstrates a total lack of duty of care to your passengers and their safety.
4. Added time on journey: The additional time spent on the daily commute (both ways) which will be caused by this change cannot be overestimated. It makes no sense to break this journey by removing the direct link to the City Centre

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We are completely opposed to this plan, which seems to have been devised with no understanding of how the community served by Bayside, Sutton and Howth Stations works or what it needs to continue to be connected and included. Issues of safety and access in Howth Junction station are a real concern and the level of disruption to what should be a short journey to the City Centre does not seem to be in the best interests of the customers who use this service.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John McDermott', written over a horizontal line.

John McDermott

Chairman

26 St Domhnach's Well

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