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Re Metrolink:

It is alarming and disturbing that this preferred route for Metrolink was chosen without due regard for the impact on those communities, amenities, residents, students in the direct line of enormous and devastating effect.

There are questions to be answered on how the preferred route was chosen and what weighting was given to the loss of community infrastructure.

My understanding is that with 'scenario' testing there are 3 options. Also there is the obligation to consult with all agencies during the scenario testing.

I question what type of consultation/engagement happened with the Department of Education as Scoil Chaitríona, due to the increase in demand for places in the school, was in discussion with the Department of Education and the school's application for additional accommodation has been agreed.

The current proposal to locate a tunnel boring machine launch site directly at the school would render the school inoperable; there are extensive health and safety issues, issues of access which also apply to the primary school Scoil Móbhí.

There is the additional problem for those Junior Cert and Leaving Cert students in Scoil Chaitríona. As a former second level teacher for many years this is a nightmare situation for the students and staff.

I want to acknowledge and compliment the very dignified and comprehensive way in which Na Fianna are reacting to these proposals which will have appalling consequences for their work. The club field 166 teams across all Gaelic games, boys and girls, men and women. There is a huge voluntary input which has made the club what it is today; the preferred route will do untold damage to all they have achieved. Additionally the club is host to a wide variety of community activities.

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There will be huge economic loss if this preferred route were to proceed.

Then is the matter of the loss of homes to some residents.

I have to ask the economic cost of all this – in providing alternatives, if at all possible, for the residents who will lose their homes, the schools and the sports organisations.

While accepting the need for transport options to be progressed I question the wisdom of this particular proposal and why a previous option of a rail link is not being pursued, a rail link that would not cause the devastation and disturbance as will happen with Metrolink. Road and rail infrastructure would also complement Dublin Port plans and the work of Dublin Bus.

I know there are many submissions on the very negative effects of this preferred route so I do hope common sense, and economic sense, will prevail.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maureen O'Sullivan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

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