Our Case Number: ABP-314724-22



Date: 08 January 2024

Re: Railway (Metrolink - Estuary to Charlemont via Dublin Airport) Order [2022]

Metrolink. Estuary through Swords, Dublin Airport, Ballymun, Glasnevin and City Centre to

Charlemont, Co. Dublin

Dear Sir / Madam,

In accordance with section 42(1) of the Transport (Railway Infrastructure) Act, 2001, as amended, An Bord Pleanála has decided to hold an oral hearing in relation to the above-mentioned proposed development.

In this regard, the Senior Planning Inspector, who will prepare a report and recommendation for the Board, has been instructed by the Board to hold an oral hearing into the application and the submissions and observations which have been received in relation to it.

The arrangements for the opening of the oral hearing are as follows:

Start Date: Monday 19th February 2024

Start Time: 10 a.m.

Venue: Gresham Hotel, O'Connell Street, Dublin 1

No. of Days: To be determined (hearing will sit Monday to Thursday each week)

If you wish to participate at the oral hearing, you must complete and return the attached form by **Monday, 15th January 2024**. The completed form should be returned by email to laps@pleanala.ie, or by post/hand to LAPS, An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V90.

If you do not register your intention to participate, submissions to the oral hearing will only be heard at the Inspector's discretion and if time allows.

Please note that you may attend the oral hearing even if you do not wish to take part in it.

Information for the Applicant:

The information already submitted, including the response to the submissions, should not be repeated. Your submission should deal specifically with a list of matters that will be provided to you with the forthcoming agenda.

What happens next?:

After 15th January 2024, An Bord Pleanála will prepare and send you the agenda and order of proceedings for the oral hearing. This will be generally in line with the format set out in the Appendix overleaf.

Queries:

If you have any queries about this oral hearing, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board at laps@pleanala.ie. To assist in answering your query, please quote An Bord Pleanála case reference number ABP-314724-22 in any correspondence of telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Éimear Reilly Executive Officer

Direct Line: 01-8737184

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Preparing your submission:

- Each submission to the oral hearing shall comprise **solely** of a response to the applicant's written response to your submission which was received by An Bord Pleanála and which is available on the project website www.metrolinkro.ie.
- Where possible, written statements of evidence to be given should be submitted, and it will assist the conduct of the hearing if copies of these and any related drawings are made available for circulation.
- Any documents or written submissions that we have already received **should not** be repeated at the oral hearing. The Inspector will have already read this information and normally they do not need to receive this information again. If you repeat information at the oral hearing that is not necessary, the Inspector may stop you and ask you to move on to another topic. Where similar issues are raised by a number of observers, the Inspector will not allow undue repetition.
- Any legal submissions must be part of the substantive submissions to the hearing.
- You should consider in advance what questions you might wish to pose to the applicant and prepare a list of potential questions which you can ask if you feel that they have not been already answered.
- The hearing will be divided into modules and geographical areas as set out in the Appendix. Module 1 is limited to the listed topics only. These topics will not be permitted to be raised in Module 2.
- If you wish to make one joint submission on behalf of several observers (for example, neighbours whose submissions raise similar issues), this would be welcomed by the Board in the interests of efficiency.
- Closing submissions are only for briefly summarising and should last no more than 5 minutes. No new points, issues or legal matters can be raised in the closing submission.
- Submissions presented to this oral hearing will be recorded by a service provider organised by An Bord Pleanála. You are not permitted to record the proceedings of the oral hearing

Copies of documents for viewing:

Copies of the submissions that An Bord Pleanála has received as well as all other documents and correspondence relating to the case can be viewed before and during the oral hearing at:

- Dublin City Council's offices,
- Fingal County Council's offices, and
- An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902.

A copy of all correspondence can also be viewed during the oral hearing at the oral hearing venue.

Further information:

For further information on oral hearings, you can read the "oral hearing guide" which is available on our website at https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/oral-hearings or by contacting us.