



Córas Iompair Éireann

Heuston Station
Dublin 8
Stáisiun Heuston
Baile Átha Cliath 8

Date: 31st March 2022

Mr. Kieran Somers
An Bord Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1
D01 V902

RE: Railway works and all works necessary to eliminate and, where necessary, upgrade seven numbered level crossings and carry out all associated and ancillary works along a 24-kilometre section of the Dublin to Cork Railway Line

Fantstown, Thomastown, Ballyhay, Newtown, Ballycoskery (Ballyhea Village), Shinanagh and Buttevant, Co. Cork and Co. Limerick.

ABP Ref: ABP-310286-21

Dear Mr. Somers

I refer to the above railway order application and to the Board's letter dated 3rd December 2021 in which it set out that certain application documents could not be accessed on the project website owing to a technical issue. The Board further outlined that it was of the opinion that an addendum public notice should be advertised allowing a further time period for members of the public, landowners and relevant prescribed bodies to make suggestions/observations on the railway order application.

In compliance with the Boards request the following has been undertaken:

- 1) A bilingual addendum notice has been prepared (as attached) and it has been advertised in the same newspapers as per the original railway order application, as follows: The Irish Examiner (31st March 2022), The Irish Independent (30th March 2022), The Limerick Leader (30th March 2022), The Limerick Post (31st March 2022), The Vale Star (31st March 2022), The Weekly Observer (30th March 2022) and The Corkman (31st March 2022);
- 2) The notice specifies a six week consultation period for the making of submissions (11th April 2022 – 23rd May 2022);
- 3) The Applicant has notified the same prescribed bodies (including the two relevant local authorities) as per the original application with the same time period for the making of submissions as per the addendum public notice; and
- 4) One further electronic copy of the railway order application is enclosed.

Furthermore, three copies of the letters served on the Chief Executive Officers of Cork County Council and Limerick City and County Council, the Minister for Transport and the previously specified prescribed bodies are enclosed.

Three copies (one electronic and two hard copies) of all addendum notices as published will be forwarded to the Board once these are available.

In addition to the above and the contents of the original submission, it should be noted that as part of this process some documents that were corrupted have been fixed and should now be fully accessible. Furthermore, we submit one hard copy of previously missing or updated documents, as follows:

Folder: An Bord Pleanála Consultation

One full copy for completeness, noting updates to the following:

- Number 18. EIA Screening & Scoping Report 2;
- Number 24. Letter 5.8.20 & Meeting Minutes 4.8.20; and
- ABP Contents Page.

Folder: Railway Order

Figures:

- List of Railway Order Application Figures;
- XC187 Fantstown Plan 1A – 4A;
- XC201 Thomastown Plan 1A – 4a (ii);
- XC209 Ballyhay Plan 1A – 4A;
- XC211 Newtown Plan 1A – 4A(ii);
- XC212 Ballycoskery Plan 1A – 4A (ii);
- XC215 Shinanagh Plan 1A – 4A (i-v); and
- XC219 Buttevant Plan 1A – 4A (ii).

EIAR: Volume 4, Figures

- Volume 4 EIAR Chapter 7 Biodiversity Figures 7.1 – 7.10;
- Volume 4 EIAR Chapter 8, Soils, Geology & Hydro Figures 8.1 – 8.4;
- Volume 4 EIAR Chapter 10 Noise & Vibration Figures 10.1 – 10.6;
- Volume 3 EIAR Chapter 12, Cultural Heritage Figures 12.1 – 12.9; and
- Volume 4 EIAR Chapter 17 Cumulative Impacts Figures 17.1.

EIAR: Volume 5, Appendices

- Volume 5 Appendices List;
- Appendix 1H – Public Consultation Report & XC211 Newtown Further Consultation Report Merged;
- Appendix 3A GI Final Factual Report ALL Sites; and
- Appendix 10A Calibration Certificates.

The Board should note that an exercise has taken place whereby the Applicant has checked the previously submitted display copies of the application at the following locations.

- An Bord Pleanála;
- Cork County Council;
- Limerick City and County Council; and
- Charleville Railway Station.

As part of the further consultation process, any documents found to be missing at the display locations have been replaced.

CIÉ certifies that the documentation that has been made available for public inspection at the designated locations and for inspection on www.irishrail.ie/CorkLineLevelCrossings is identical in all respects to the documentation being lodged with An Bord Pleanála.

Dated this 31st day of March 2022

Yours faithfully,

Geraldine Finucane

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Group Secretary, CIÉ

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