

TRANSPORT (RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE) ACT 2001 AS AMENDED

Application By Railway Procurement Agency For a Railway Order

The Railway Procurement Agency, in exercise of its powers conferred upon it by section 37 of the Transport (Railway Infrastructure) Act 2001 as amended by the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006 will apply on or after the 22nd day of June 2010 to An Bord Pleanála for a Railway Order pursuant to the provisions of the said Act. The order, if granted, will authorise the Railway Procurement Agency to provide for the construction, operation and maintenance of a light railway from St. Stephen's Green to Broombridge, a length of approximately 5.6km. There are a number of protected structures as listed in the current Dublin City Development Plan along the proposed route.

The Railway Order will include:

- 4.6km (approx) of twin track light railway line routing along St. Stephen's Green West, Dawson Street, Nassau Street, Grafton Street (lower), Parnell Street (west of O'Connell Street Upper), Dominick Street Lower, Dominick Street Upper, and crossing Constitution Hill to route along the western perimeter of the Broadstone bus depot in the townland of Grangegorman East. The twin track light railway line then enters the former Broadstone railway cutting at the north end of the bus depot and proceeds thereafter to Broombridge passing under the road bridges of North Circular Road, Cabra Road and Fassuagh Road and through the townlands of Grangegorman East, Grangegorman Middle, Grangegorman North and Cabragh;
- 2.5km (approx) of single track light railway line routing along Grafton Street (lower), College Green, Westmoreland Street, O'Connell Street Lower, O'Connell Street Upper, Parnell Street (east of O'Connell Street Upper), Marlborough Street, Hawkins Street, and College Street. The proposed single track light railway line between Marlborough Street and Hawkins Street will cross the river Liffey via the proposed Marlborough Street Public Transport Bridge;
- 100metres (approx) of single track siding located at St. Stephen's Green North and east of Dawson Street;
- Overhead line equipment including poles and building fixings to support the overhead conductor system.
- A total of 13 light railway stops of which 8 are located on-street, at Dawson Street, Westmoreland Street, O'Connell Street Lower, O'Connell Street Upper, Parnell Street, Marlborough Street, College Street, and Dominick Street Lower. The remaining stops are located at Broadstone adjacent to Constitution Hill; along the western perimeter of and within the Broadstone bus depot (a possible future stop) in the townland of Grangegorman East; within the former Broadstone railway cutting between North Circular Road and Cabra Road in the townland of Grangegorman Middle; within the former Broadstone railway cutting north of Fassuagh Road in the townland of Grangegorman Middle; and adjacent to the Irish Rail Broombridge railway station in the townland of Cabragh;
- A pedestrian overbridge and lift structure to facilitate interchange between the Irish Rail services and Luas Broombridge services at Broombridge railway station in the townland of Cabragh;
- Vehicular and pedestrian access off Broombridge Road into the proposed stop at Broombridge and including set down for bus, taxi and 'kiss and ride' as well as bicycle stands;
- The extension of the existing Luas Green Line stop at St. Stephen's Green West;
- A light railway depot in the townlands of Grangegorman North and Cabragh and comprising a part two-storey maintenance building, operations and maintenance staff facilities, light rail vehicle sanding and wash plants, light rail vehicle stabling lanes, access roads, staff car parking, and mast for telecommunications antennae;
- ESB substations located at O'Connell Street Lower north of Middle Abbey Street, within the Broadstone bus depot in the townland of Grangegorman East, and at south end of the proposed depot in the townland of Grangegorman Middle;
- The demolition of existing buildings at Constitution Hill;
- An underpass of the existing bus parking at the Dublin Bus Phibsborough bus garage;
- A new access off Constitution Hill to Temple Cottages;
- Demolition of existing chassis wash building and replacement with new chassis wash building at Broadstone bus depot;
- Demolition of existing storage building and temporary portacabin offices at Broadstone bus depot; and
- The relocation of existing utility apparatus and the removal of bus stops and taxi ranks to accommodate the provision of the light railway lines.

The Railway Order, if granted, will have a lifespan of 10 years from the date on which the order comes into operation except in relation to the possible future stop within the Broadstone bus depot in the townland of Grangegorman East where it will have a lifespan of 15 years.

The application will be accompanied by:

- (a) a draft of the proposed Railway Order;
- (b) plans of the proposed railway works;
- (c) a book of reference to the plan (indicating the identity of the owners and of the occupiers of the lands described in the plan); and
- (d) a statement of the likely effects on the environment (an "Environmental Impact Statement") of the proposed railway works.

Inspection of Draft Railway Order and Accompanying Documents.

A copy of the Draft Railway Order and documents accompanying the application may be inspected during public opening hours from the 30th day of June 2010 for the duration of 6 weeks until the 13th day of August 2010 at:

The Offices of An Bord Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.

Dublin City Council,
Civic Offices,
Wood Quay,
Dublin 8.

Railway Procurement Agency,
Parkgate St.,
Dublin 8.

These documents may also be viewed/ downloaded from the 30th day of June 2010 on the following website:
www.dublinluasbroombridge.ie

Written Submissions.

An Bord Pleanála will consider any submissions in relation to the proposed Railway Order or in relation to the likely effects on the environment of the proposed railway works which are submitted in writing to it by any person and accompanied by a fee of €50. (This fee is not payable by certain bodies with environmental responsibilities or by persons whose lands may be acquired under the order). Submissions must be lodged not later than the 13th day of August 2010 at 5:30pm and must be addressed to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 and marked Luas Broombridge.

Purchase of Documents.

Copies or extracts from the documents which accompany the application, including the environmental impact statement and the non-technical summary of same, may be purchased on payment of a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making such copy or extract from:

The Offices of An Bord Pleanála and Railway Procurement Agency.

Oral Hearing.

An Bord Pleanála may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing into the application for a Railway Order.

Fergal Ruane

Secretary to the Agency
Railway Procurement Agency
Dated this 22 day of June 2010

Further information is available from:

Railway Procurement Agency, Parkgate St, Dublin 8
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