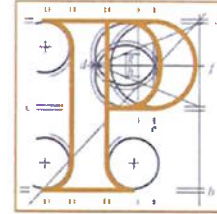


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Billy Hoey  
Iarnród Éireann  
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Inchicore  
Dublin 8

**Date:** 5th October 2023

**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.

Dear Sir,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent letter in relation to the above-mentioned case.

The contents of your letter have been noted.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board at [laps@pleanala.ie](mailto: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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**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; Case Reference NA04.310286**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to the above Railway Order application which was lodged with the An Bord Pleanála (ABP) on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021. An oral hearing in relation to the proposed development was held by ABP in September 2022.

Following recent communication with ABP regarding the status of this application, we understand that the File is still at Board level awaiting decision.

We recognise the challenges facing ABP due to the number of cases being referred to your organisation; however, the lack of a decision in respect of this Railway Order application is adding significant risk to its delivery due to inflationary impacts on the project budget associated with the prolongation of the project duration, and the necessity to re-assign key project management personnel to other projects.

The proposed development is a key element of the Iarnród Éireann Strategy 2027 and a vital milestone in its delivery is the granting of the Railway Order. It would be greatly appreciated if the Board could provide an update on the expected timeframe for a decision on this Railway Order application.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,



Billy Hoey,  
Project Manager, Cork Line Level Crossings Project,  
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