

Submission on Metrolink

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Introduction

I welcome the proposal to develop a Metro line connecting Swords to Sandyford. It could radically improve public transport in the city, giving Dubliners a better way to get around, and encouraging people to leave their cars behind. There is, however, one major problem with the proposal, and that is the plan to locate the tunnel boring machine in the grounds of Na Fianna CLG on Mobhi Road.

Griffith Park West (Na Fianna)

I cannot support the proposal to site the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) at this location. Not only is it the home to Na Fianna CLG, but also Scoil Caitriona, Scoil Mobhi and Tír na nÓg Naíonara. It is also beside Whitehall College of Further Education and would impact Home Farm football club. The impact on the sporting facilities, schools and further education establishments is just too severe. Essentially this is not just a pitch, it's the heart of the local community, and for young children growing up in the area, closing this sporting, educational and social centre for a number of years is too much to ask.

I would suggest that a site be located to the North of the M50 to launch the TBM as an alternative.

Ballymun

I very much welcome the proposal to provide an underground line and station at Ballymun. The previous proposals for an at grade line could have divided the community and significantly reduced permeability.

Northwood

I would suggest that this station should be as close to the Ballymun Road as possible, to service both sides of the Ballymun Road. The current proposals are closer to Northwood and they reduce the prospects of the land to the west of the M50 being developed in an

optimal way. When Metro North was being proposed the Inspector from An Bord Pleanála recommended a station at the Ballymun Road and not over at Northwood.

Whitworth

I support the location of this station as an interchange with two rail lines, rather than at Drumcondra station, where there is only a connection with one line.

Ranelagh

I think it is essential that pedestrians and cyclists should have a free flow with whatever design is proposed. We should not sacrifice the permeability of pedestrians in this area. Lifts and footbridges are not acceptable.