

Submission on Proposed Metro Link Site

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My name is Aine Clancy, I am a public representative for the area. I was born into this great Community and live on Home Farm Road.

I am writing to register both my personal and my community's concerns at the Emerging Proposed Route for Dublin's MetroLink, in particular the proposed station and tunnel-boring machine depot at CLG Na Fianna, Mobhi Road. I must advise this site has never been known as Griffith park as stated in draft proposal, I think it is hugely important that we understand the where and what we are dealing with and the immeasurable impact on the community and environs this E P R has.

Na Fianna has been at the heart of our Community for over sixty years it has 3,000 members 110 teams and expanding. Na Fianna is situated in an established safe environment serving its members residents and visitors. To lose its club house, all weather and main pitch for any period of time, would dismantle years of hard work by local volunteers in establishing what is the most flourishing show case of Gaelic games in the country. Its nursery, established in the nineties is a model of best practice in juvenile coaching.

There are a number of successful small business operating out of Na Fianna Club house, if this proposal goes ahead it will lead to irreparable damage and loss of employment.

The fact that those involved in the planning of such a major project could possibly have overlooked or worse discounted the potential harm to hundreds of students in the schools located on this site is astounding.

The schools are now suffering uncertainty due to this proposed project, this surely will dominate parent's choices about where to send their children. The impact of reduced numbers of pupils attending Scoil Mobi and Scoil Chaitriona for such a long period of time would certainly have a devastating impact on both the Schools themselves but also on the Irish speaking community which has been built up through so much hard work over the decades.

There are significant health and safety risks that need to be considered:

- Diesel emission
- Dust from tunnelling
- Noise/vibration pollution during class times and rest time not just by machines and vehicles but also by a large body of people working on the site. It is evidenced that children with hypersensitivity disorders would be impacted negatively due to noise and vibrations generated by works.
- The enormous movement of vehicles to and from this site will add to an already congested main route at Mobi Road. Mobi Road is not equipped or suitable for heavy duty vehicles to cross bus and cycle lanes with heavy loads taking a right hand turn at the exit heading in the direction of the N1 or M50
- Who can guaranteed that a launch site such as proposed won't be delayed due to innumerable issues.

Please pay due consideration to all of the above
Yours Sincerely
Councillor Aine Clancy.