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National Paediatric Hospital Development Board - Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála reference PL29N.PA0024 for Children's Hospital of Ireland

Dear Sir.

Further to planning application reference PL29N.PA0024 the Railway Procurement Agency (RPA) would like to make a submission in relation to the proposed development.

RPA welcomes and supports the proposal being brought forward by the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board (NPHDB) to construct the new Children's Hospital of Ireland at the Mater campus. This proposal is consistent with and complements the plans to construct a Metro North Stop on the campus serving the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, the new Mater Adult Hospital, the Mater Private Hospital, the proposed new Children's Hospital and the future new Maternity Hospital earmarked for the site. The plans as presented are generally consistent with the productive discussions we have been having with the NPHDB since 2009.

In anticipation of the construction programmes for Metro North and the new Children's Hospital of Ireland converging, RPA has been working closely with the NPHDB to resolve all outstanding technical matters, but to date has not yet finalised arrangements. As agreement has not yet been reached, RPA requests the following Conditions be appended to any decision to grant planning permission.

Condition 1

The National Paediatric Hospital Development Board (NPHDB) shall use its best endeavours to limit the effect of future metro construction and operation on the new Children's Hospital of Ireland by appropriate mitigation including but not limited to designing and constructing the new Children's Hospital of Ireland having due regard to the potential effects of metro construction and operation, including agreeing with RPA the details of the design of the proposed new Children's Hospital of Ireland that may later be affected by metro construction and operation.

Reason

Planning approval has been granted for the construction of Metro North, Ref: 06F.NA.0003. In the interests of sustainable development, suitable mitigation measures should be provided in the design of the hospital to limit the effect of future metro construction and operation on the functioning of the Children's Hospital of Ireland.

Condition 2

The proposed development falls within the area set out in the Metro North Section 49 Levy scheme which was adopted by Dublin City Council on the 6th of February 2007 under the Planning and Development Act 2000 and which states:







"A planning authority may, when granting a permission under section 34, include conditions requiring the payment of a contribution in respect of any public infrastructure service or project specified in a scheme made by the planning authority"

This allows a planning authority to attach a condition requiring payment under a supplementary development contribution for a specified public infrastructure project and within a specified area. The proposed development falls within the area set out in this scheme. The Metro North Section 49 scheme lists several exemptions where the levy does not apply. The proposed development does not fall under the exemptions listed in the scheme.

Reason

The proposed development falls within the area set out in the Metro North Section 49 Levy scheme.

Yours faithfully,

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