

PRESS RELEASE

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WELCOMES METRO NORTH RAILWAY ORDER

Fingal County Council today welcomes the An Bord Pleanála decision to grant the Metro North Railway Order.

Metro North is the central spine for a future integrated public transport network, moving people throughout the Dublin region efficiently, economically and in an environmentally-sustainable manner for the future.

With the youngest and fastest growing population in the state, Fingal is ideally positioned to be at the vanguard of Ireland's economic recovery. Metro North is essential for the future development and establishment of the Swords and Airport areas as centres of business, innovation, commercial activity, education and future economic prosperity.

The decision of An Bord Pleanála endorses the Council's integrated Transport and Land Use Strategies to deliver Metro North connecting the development capacity of Swords with the Airport, DCU, Croke Park, the Mater Hospital and Mountjoy sites' potential. This will link existing transport hubs for Suburban Rail, DART, Luas, and Dublin Bus for the city region.

The commencement of works for Metro North will bring immediate welcome employment opportunities, creating a singular opportunity for investment for the future.

Fingal County Council will now work with the Railway Procurement Agency to address modifications arising from the Bord's decision on some detail of the Railway Order.

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