

# **CIE Residents Association**

## ***Inchicore on Track news***

*Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009*

### **DART / IOT UPDATE**

IoT are working on several fronts. A working group has been set up to draft a submission template for An Bord Pleanála. In parallel a formal consultation process between IoT and Irish Rail is being established with an independent mediator Cormac Russell. The intention is get across in a formal context the depth of our concerns and objections about the project, to access good quality, factual, information on specifics of the proposal, and to have independent technical advisors provided where required.

### **TIMESCALES**

All this work need to go ahead urgently because if all proceeds according to Irish Rail's current plan, the Environmental Impact Statement would be ready this November and Irish Rail would put their Railway Order application into An Bord Pleanála (ABP) before Christmas this year. The details would be made public in mid January 2010 giving us just six weeks until around the end of February to get our submissions / objections in to ABP. The oral hearing would be likely to start in March, and the decision could come later in the year. On this aggressive timescale construction would begin in Inchicore in late July 2011.

### **FUTURE OF THE ESTATE**

We need as a community to develop our own vision for the future of this estate and area. This should happen whether or not the Dart proposals proceed however the current situation adds urgency to this project. It is hoped to bring forward proposals as to how we might develop a shared vision in an inclusive and imaginative way.

### **PORTAL CONSTRUCTION SITE UPDATE**

Following some meetings between Inchicore on Track, residents and Irish Rail, a lot of new information regarding the proposed construction compound within the estate, timeframes for the project and the envisaged working hours have come to light.

Irish Rail are planning to start work in Inchicore on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2011

Cut and cover construction between St Patricks Terrace and St Georges Villas would be all day Mon-Fri, half day Saturday. This would be the first work that happens.

This cut and cover works to facilitate the site entrance would take approximately one year.

During this time there would be large drilling machinery, 50 trucks a day, 12/18 concrete wagons a day, 2 reinforced steel trucks each day – plus all the associated noise/personnel etc.

The compound for the launch pit would be constructed at that time.

The hoarding around the compound would be at least 6 metres (20 feet) high.

This compound would be in use for at the very least 3 and a half years.

The digging of the hole for the tunnel boring machines (TBMs) would happen. This hole would be as long as St Patricks Terrace and 60-70ft deep - and would be excavated by heavy machinery, spoil would be removed by truck up along Inchicore Parade and out through the back of the works.

The TBMs would be assembled in the

compound – this work would take 3 months of **24hr day** working.

During tunneling the site would be working 24hours a day. 20 hours of significant plant movement and 4 hours of maintenance.

The construction site would be lit to the levels of the Con Colbert road/South Circular Road junction.

There would be up to 140 large lorry movements each day on the site. One HGV every 3-4 minutes during peak construction.

The TBMs are now only going to Heuston from Inchicore, and they envisage that the tunneling itself would take approx nine months.

There is an entrance to the compound on West Square next to the Club, as well as the main entrance at the works entrance.

There would be around 400 personnel working in the compound with associated parking, noise etc.

It seems that this project is no longer being pursued solely as a public private partnership– other options are now being explored.

There is a map of the proposed compound attached to this newsletter for you to see the extent of the works.

Irish Rail are really pushing ahead with this and we all need to get on to our TDs and local representatives to push them to give the support that they committed themselves to back in April. Our TDs haven't made a great deal of noise since they were here just before election time....

## **ST PATRICKS TERRACE HOARDING MYSTERY**

Dublin City Council have informed us that Irish Rail are paying fees to the City Council for a permit for the hoarding on St. Patrick's Terrace. The hoarding has been up for a few years now, and DCC are writing to Irish Rail to establish their intentions regarding repairing the wall.

## **FUN THINGS**

There's going to be a family picnic on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September – between 2 and 5pm so let's hope the sun finally shines for the afternoon. It's going to be in the Sports and Social Club.

There's going to be a Cul Camp for kids run by Liffey Gaels, and then there'll be the Kathleen Mills challenge – to celebrate and commemorate the achievements of this wonderful woman from Abercorn Terrace. She won 15 All Ireland medals – so some achievement.

There'll be a match at 4pm to commemorate the barefoot All Ireland Final that was played in 1889 in Inchicore. Bring your own picnic – see you there.

## **THE WORKS SESSIONS**

The fabulous LUKA BLOOM is coming to Inchicore Sports and Social Club on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Tickets are €15, and he'll be supported by Wally Page and Johnny Ahearne, who gave us a great night in August, plus Conor Byrne and Peter Byrne. Tickets are available from IOT street reps and online at IOT.ie

HALLOWEEN Is just round the corner – remember the kids party is on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October in the Club – 3-5pm, more details nearer the day

