

DART - NOW IS THE TIME

Dart Underground Public Presentation at the Hilton on Tuesday 1st December 5pm to 8pm.

This is an opportunity for everyone to see what the latest version of their proposals look like and another chance for one and all to put concerns and issues directly to the Dart Underground Team.

It is important that Irish Rail recognises the status of the Estate as a residential area, and the impacts that this proposal will have on the whole community.

Sample Issues:

- What will be the direct and cumulative impacts on residents of 24 hour working, seven days a week for more than a year during Tunnel Boring Machine assembly and Tunnelling?
- What increased Noise, Dust, Dirt and Vibration levels might we expect during construction and what effects will these have on our quality of life and our health?
- What vibrations will be felt by the homes close to the tunnels when Dart Trains pass by underneath 20 times an hour?
- Given the quiet residential nature of this area, what will be the full impact of the station on the estate? What exactly are the planned access routes to the Proposed Station? What development potential will be provided by positioning the Station in the middle of the works?

It is important that the concerns,

large or small, of everyone be voiced and addressed.

IOT has been informed that Irish Rail will include in its presentation, **Proposal** drawings on the following:

- Station Layout at Inchicore
- Construction Access Route (Via Kylemore Way)
- Construction Methodology Drawing
- Access Routes to Inchicore
- Construction Phases at Inchicore Parade (Plans & Sections)
- Traffic Management Drawings at Inchicore Parade
- Inchicore Station – Visualisation
- Plan and Profile Drawings indicating rock levels and section profile of tunnel and the proposed location of the shaft in Memorial Park.

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It may be thought that this project could not possibly go ahead in the current economic climate. But it is very important to note that Irish Rail's current Dart budget will enable them to get a Railway Order. Once granted the Order stays in place for ten years. Even if the money is not available in the short term Irish Rail could wait for 9 years and then build with their Railway Order. Now, before they make their application, is the time to challenge the proposal in detail to make sure that full impacts on people are taken into account and changes are made for the good of all.

Make your voice heard in the Hilton next Tuesday!

Update - Consultation - Information

The IOT Consultation Group has now had 2 meetings with IR. an understanding of some of the shape and content of IR's application is emerging but the process is very much ongoing with two further meetings scheduled before Christmas. At that point discussions will begin on the form of technical assistance, if any, Irish Rail will provide to the community and how

we might proceed to a real consultation phase.

Our Campaign Plan

In light of these meetings we will be revising our position and publishing our Campaign Plan before Christmas. In January and February it is intended to hold our own community consultation process which would involve every resident on an individual and community level.

Table Quiz

Thanks to all who came along to the Table Quiz. It was a great night, and we raised nearly €700 towards the Halloween party and our running costs. Thanks to Kathryn Thomas for being such an entertaining quizmaster on the night, and to all our sponsors, including Cinnamon Restaurant at the Hilton Hotel, Eddie's Butchers, the Ladies Club, Inchicore Hardware, P&P meats, Inchicore Motor Factors, St Patricks Athletic Shop, Cellars and the many other people who donated spot and raffle prizes.

Thanks to Gerry for organising the PA at the last minute, Paul, Kay and Natasha for all the hard work on the questions, and of course Deirdre for such effective raffle ticket selling.

Christmas Social December 11th

The Sports and Social Club is the venue for the Residents' Association / Inchicore On Track Christmas Social on Friday 11th December at 8pm. There will be carols, mince pies, chat and more music. In fact, if you'd like your favourite track played, bring it along on CD and our DJ will oblige. Entry free.