

CIE Residents Association
...urgent community bulletin...

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Many households have already received a brochure from Iarnroid Eireann (Irish Rail) concerning the proposed construction of the DART Underground. The news of an upgrade to local public transport is very welcome.

The proposed DART facility is a very large-scale project, and while there could be long-term benefits for this community, a project of this scale is likely to bring challenges too. The company met some residents earlier this week, and they outlined the scale of the project's impact on the estate.

Sadly, it is not all good news.

Irish Rail proposes to build the entrance or 'portal' (big hole in the ground) of the two tunnels on the site of the football pitch and the car park in the estate. This will mean that the entire area will be an enormous construction site, for at least five years (commencing 2010, and the line is expected to open in 2015). Many people saw the extent of the port tunnel works, this is not something to be welcomed in the middle of a residential estate.

What will this mean for residents on this estate?

- Heavy duty traffic, noise, vibration and dust right in the heart of the estate
- Working day and night to complete the project – assume 16 hour days tunnelling, piledriving etc.
- At least five years of serious disruption.
- Loss of the football pitch
- No definite plan for a train station at Inchicore when the work is finished. The current phase of the project includes a station in the middle of the works with
- public access unclear. This proposal does not serve the village of Inchicore.
- There are no indications about how everything will be left when the hole is filled in and whether the football pitch and car park will be reinstated.

It is a high price to pay. Is this really the best way to do the job?

The proposed work site is only four acres. Irish Rail have 70 acres of land inside the industrial site. Can't this be used for the big hole?

Because some households have not received the brochure, we want to inform residents that Irish Rail is holding a public consultation about the proposed new line this coming **Monday, 20th April** between **5pm** and **8pm** in the **Hilton Hotel, Inchicore Road, Kilmainham**.

We would encourage every resident who lives on the estate to attend this consultation. What IR propose to do will have a huge affect on us all for at least five years. We need to ask a lot of questions of IR and get satisfactory answers.