



DART, THE FIRST REAL CHANGES

HAVE YOUR SAY ON TUESDAY MAY 11TH AT THE HILTON

Following our recent campaign and submissions to Irish Rail there have been two recent meetings in the estate with the Dart project Manager as well as other informal meetings and contacts. News has emerged of the first significant changes in the proposed construction works in the Inchicore area. It is our understanding that Irish Rail are now stating that their preferred option is to tunnel directly into the works from the Heuston direction at a deeper vertical alignment. This would mean that there would be no Launch pit in Inchicore. There would be no 24 hour working. That all the major construction works would take place inside the Engineering Works. However it is still proposed as part of this preferred option to construct an intervention shaft in the sports ground, off the pitch, at the railway end. This would take between 12 to 18 months.

These changes will be presented at the upcoming **DART Consultation Evening** in the Hilton Hotel on May 11th from 5pm to 8pm. This "preferred option" will be presented alongside the original "alternate proposal". It is important that we go to this event in numbers and state our support for the very significant change of approach that this "preferred option" represents and to show our opposition to the original impactful "alternate proposal". These developments seem to

represent the first progress on two of our four core objectives in relation to **Real Consultation** and finding **Viable Less Impactful Alternatives** to the original Dart Underground proposal. We must stay focussed and keep our foot on the pedal whilst we also pursue our objectives that a **Master Plan** be developed for the proposed **DART Station** and a **Partnership Approach** be adopted recognising the Residents Association as stakeholders in any future developments within the **Works** or the **Estate**, along with Irish Rail, Dublin City Council and other stakeholders from the wider Inchicore area. We are currently working on a **Strategic Plan** that will encapsulate all this.

While developments may be going in the right direction, the campaign must continue and substantial funds will continue to be needed. We will still be making a considerable submission to An Bord Pleanala, and need to draw on the services of experts in the technical, legal and communications fields. This will cost money. Our recent fundraising drive is going very well. We would very much like to thank everyone who has contributed so far and encourage everyone who has not yet done so to send us your remittance form by post or through your street rep. We expect this to be a long term project and need all the funds we can get.

Talk of delay to the DART seems to be a non-story. It has been known for some time that the project finish date would be 2017-2018. Irish Rail are very much gearing up to apply for a Railway Order by the end of June.

IOT Website - www.iot.ie

LUAS STOP PLANNED FOR CIE WORKS

Two different transport authorities are now proposing to make the Railway Works a transport hub. This emphasizes the importance of our campaign for **Smart Transport Planning** and a **Master plan** for the wider area in relation to these proposals and their future developmental potential.

NEW COMMITTEE

At the CIE Residents' Association AGM held in the Sports and Social Club on Monday 19th April a new, enlarged committee was formed. Joining the existing members: Jo Homewood, Paul Cullen, Natasha Pierce, Rena Willoughby, Deirdre Farrell, and Danny Kelleher are new members John Beck, Niall O'Baoill, Gerry McGeough, John Newberry, Mary Flood, Chriss Bennett, Conor Flood, Billy McCannon, Grainne Hassett, Niamh Flood and Jenny Madden.



Mary Black
at The Works Sessions -ISSC

Anyone is always welcome to join us, so don't be shy.

The new committee met and elected officers – Chair, Jo Homewood, Secretary, Paul Cullen and Treasurer Natasha Pierce.

Natasha runs the accounts of the Residents Association, and the bank account for the association is at the Credit Union. The Treasurer of IOT is Dave Lawless, and the bank account of IOT is at the Ulster Bank in the village.

Other points of interest from the AGM were:

The recent incorporation of the

Residents' Association as a limited company with charitable status. It was explained that this was done to allow us to enter formal agreements in the future in relation to DART Underground and other institutions, for example the City Council.

Issues about road safety are being addressed in conjunction with Dublin City Council, and we are waiting to hear from the Roads Department after their recent visit to the Estate. We have raised all issues that were aired at the AGM with them. We will be in contact with the Parks Department about trees in the Square again, and about the continuing problem of dog mess.

Chair of Residents Association sub committee IOT: John Beck gave a report. A year after Irish Rail's initial announcement of their plan to extend DART Underground to Inchicore there has been a lot of hard work, many meetings, a busy campaign, great community support and all this, it seems, is at last beginning to bear fruit.

SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB AGM – Motion to Dissolve the Club!

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 19th. We are asking as many residents/members as possible to attend the AGM. This is a crucial meeting for the Club. It is in great danger of closing, and we need to give it all the support we can - it is a huge local amenity and it would be a tragedy for us if it was to close.

Please go along on the 19th and show your support.



Schools Football Tournament in the sports Grounds in April

Left - the Kids Halloween Party in the Sports & Social Club

WORKS WEEKEND 17th and 18th JULY

The Residents Association will be hosting a mini street festival called the Works Weekend.

There will be lots of things going on - look out for:

Photoworks

in the Wallace Space on Grattan Crescent - its an open photographic competition for all ages for your images of Inchicore and Kilmainham. We are looking for entries in four categories - and in different age ranges. For details look at our facebook page - Works Weekend - or email us on worksweekend@gmail.com or see Jo or Annie.

Open Air Cinema

Then on Saturday 17th July we are planning a film screening in the open air in the evening, plus a barbecue.

Gardens – Cakes – Sports – and More

On Sunday 18th July we will be having the judging of our gardening competition - the judge will be Fiann O Nualláin, who has exhibited at Bloom in the Phoenix Park on many occasions.

Catherine Leyden from Odlums will be judging our baking competition in the afternoon - details of categories will follow. There will be lots of Odlums and Shamrock goodies in our raffle too.

AND we will be having a sports afternoon on the pitch - sack races, egg and spoon races, maybe a mums race and a tug of war too!!

We hope there will be a toy jumble sale as well, and ice creams.

PHOTOWORKS

Photography Competition

of images from the Inchicore/Kilmainham area



Open to everyone
4 categories - people, architecture, water & nature
Entries from now till 7th June

MORE DETAILS:
Email worksweekend@gmail.com | 'Works Weekend' on Facebook

Selected photographs will be exhibited at the Wallace Space on Grattan Crescent 17-18th July