



# East Wall Residents Information

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## East Wall Area Update

Dear Resident,

Below please find some information on your area. Should you have any queries or if I can be of assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

*Claire O' Regan*

### **LOCAL SWIMMING POOL – SEAN MCDERMOTT ST**

I am a member of a cross-party 'pools' sub committee on Dublin City Council that has been working hard for nearly one year to keep the pools open at Sean McDermott St, Coolock and Crumlin. I am very pleased to report that having been told the pools would close at the end of last year, we are now guaranteed they will remain open until the end of this year. We will continue fighting to keep this community facility open.

### **GRAFFITI REMOVAL, SEAVIEW AVENUE**

At the request of residents, I arranged to have graffiti removed from a number of locations on Seaview Avenue and am pleased to report this has been done.

### **FOOTPATH REPAIR, CRESCENT GARDENS**

At the request of residents I arranged to have footpath repairs at Crescent Gardens included in the Council's schedule of road works and am pleased to report this has now been done.

### **DART UNDERGROUND INTERCONNECTOR**

On 30<sup>th</sup> June the formal application for the DART Underground rail project was lodged with An Bord Pleanála for the Railway Order granting planning approval for construction.

The project will involve the construction of new underground stations and the construction and operation of approximately 8.6 Km of new rail (7.6 Km of which will be in tunnels) from the CIÉ Inchicore Works to tie into the Northern mainline south of East Wall Road and north of the Docklands area. The project will be managed on behalf of CIÉ by Iarnród Éireann. The project will also involve the realignment of Ossory Road.

Subject to the granting of the Railway Order it is anticipated that construction will commence in 2012 and that the system will be operational in 2018. The tunnels will be constructed using two Tunnel Boring Machines, launching from the Docklands, at an average depth of 24 metres, or some 80 feet, below ground level. Submissions are invited from interested parties ahead of An Bord Pleanála's adjudication on the project.

**Submissions or observations may be made by 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2010 only to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street Dublin 1 relating to the proposed railway order and the likely effects on the environment of the proposed railway works.**

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by the appropriate fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies). Such submissions/observations must also include the following information:



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- i. the name of the person making the submission or observation, the name of the person acting on his or her behalf, if any, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent;
- ii. the subject matter of the submission or observation; and
- iii. the reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based, in full.

Iarnrod Eireann says that with average tunnelling depths of 24 metres the project is not expected to significantly impact on the vast majority of properties along the route. However, a Property Protection Scheme has been put in place so that residents and property owners can have a record of the condition of their property prior to the commencement of the construction of DART Underground. This record will be a benchmark against which any deterioration in a property can be measured.

#### Display of documents

Under the Railway Order, CIÉ will be displaying the full plans for the Project at various different locations for a period of six weeks from 7<sup>th</sup> July until 18<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at the following locations:

**An Bord Pleanála**, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, **Dublin City Council**, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8, **Heuston Station**, Dublin 8, **Pearse Station**, Dublin 2, **CIÉ Inchicore Works** (Inchicore Parade Entrance), Dublin 8 or at [www.dartundergroundrailwayorder.ie](http://www.dartundergroundrailwayorder.ie)

The display is to allow all interested parties to view the plans. Any interested party then has the opportunity up to the end of the display period to submit any views they have on the project to An Bord Pleanála. All submissions, including the original plans, are then considered by an Inspector appointed by An Bord Pleanála. An Bord Pleanála may, at its absolute discretion, hold an oral hearing into an application for a railway order. The Inspector shall submit to An Bord Pleanála a report in writing of his/her findings and any recommendations he/she considers appropriate having regard to the submissions/inquiry. An Bord Pleanála will rule on the final scope of the project.

Further project information is available from DART Underground Office, Heuston Station, Dublin 8, 1890 200 500 (Locall number) or [dartunderground@irishrail.ie](mailto:dartunderground@irishrail.ie).

#### BACK TO SCHOOLS PAYMENTS

##### BACK TO SCHOOL CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR ALLOWANCE

If you are in receipt of a social welfare payment a Health Service Executive payment or if you are taking part in an approved employment scheme, or a recognised education or training course, you may be eligible to apply for assistance with Back to School costs. The rate per child under 11 years is €200 and this rises to €305 for each child aged between 12-17. You should apply NOW - Simply text FORM BTSCFA to 51909 followed by your name and address. Application forms are available online at: [www.welfare.ie/EN/Forms/Documents/bscfa.pdf](http://www.welfare.ie/EN/Forms/Documents/bscfa.pdf)

#### EXEMPTION FROM STATE EXAMINATION FEES

If your child is sitting the Leaving or Junior Certificate in 2011 and you are in receipt of a Medical card then you are exempt from paying examination fees. Contact the State Examinations Commission, Cornamaddy, Athlone, Co Westmeath. Tel: 090-644 2700.

If there is any other way I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me

Yours sincerely

**Cllr. Claire O' Regan**