

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019



e-mail: 

**Re: Response - FOI request IE\_FOI\_302**

Dear ,

I refer to your request dated 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, which was received by my office on that date, for records held by Iarnród Éireann.

**Request:**

Meath County Council are currently preparing a new County Development Plan and I am keen to determine the feasibility of running passenger services from Navan to Dublin. I understand that 3 trains per day run from Tara Mines to Dublin Port 5 days per week.

Could you advise as follows:

- (1) The fitness of the Navan Dublin line for accommodating passenger rail services?
- (2) Any scheme of upgrade works and associated costs to render the line and signals fit for passenger services?
- (3) The likely journey time from Navan to Dublin?
- (4) The likely number of passengers to make a service viable?
- (5) The likely cost of a return journey?
- (6) The likely time period required to establish services?
- (7) Factors or constraints that might be an obstacle to such a service being established?

I Annette Reilly, Decision Maker have now made a final decision to partially grant your request on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019.

You have sought access to the records outlined above and I consider this an appropriate form of access in this case. Accordingly a copy of the records is now enclosed including a copy of the schedule to these records.

In the event that you are not happy with this decision you can make an appeal in relation to this matter, you can do so in writing to the FOI Unit, Corporate Communications, Iarnród Éireann – Irish Rail, Connolly Station, Amiens Street, Dublin 1 or by email to FOI@irishrail.ie . You should make this appeal within 4 weeks (20 working days) from the date of this notification, were a day is defined as a working day excluding, the weekend and public holidays, however, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances.

The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this body.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact the FOI officer on 01 7034293.

Kind Regards,



Annette Reilly

Decision Maker

## Freedom on Information 302

### Reply:

- (1) The fitness of the Navan Dublin line for accommodating passenger rail services?  
The Navan to Drogheda currently operates as a freight line and is not suitable for passenger services.
- (2) Any scheme of upgrade works and associated costs to render the line and signals fit for passenger services?  
Iarnród Éireann do not have a design for upgrading the line for passenger services and therefore have not determined these costs
- (3) The likely journey time from Navan to Dublin?  
Iarnród Éireann do not have a design for upgrading the line for passenger services and therefore cannot determine the journey time.
- (4) The likely number of passengers to make a service viable?  
The cost of upgrading and maintaining the line has not been determined therefore the passenger demand to satisfy the investment has not been determined.
- (5) The likely cost of a return journey?  
Iarnród Éireann fare prices are set by the National Transport Authority.
- (6) The likely time period required to establish services?  
Iarnród Éireann do not have a design for upgrading the line for passenger services, nor have Iarnród Éireann determined the demand and service pattern, therefore a service delivery period has not been determined.
- (7) Factors or constraints that might be an obstacle to such a service being established?  
The National Development Plan has tasked the National Transport Authority to reappraise the Dunboyne/M3 Parkway line to Dunshaughlin and Navan before the end of 2021.