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30th September 2021

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Re: FOI request IE_FOI_508

Dear [REDACTED],

I refer to your request dated 06th September 2021 made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, which was received by my office on that date, for records held by Iarnród Éireann.

Request:

- All communication in relation to the transfer of Inchicore Works to the Land Development Agency between 01/01/2021 and present day

Response:

I, [REDACTED] Decision Maker have now made a final decision to grant your request on 23rd September 2021.

Please find response document and schedule of records attached.

Rights of appeal

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 by writing to the FOI Unit, Corporate Communications, Iarnród Éireann Irish Rail, Connolly Station, Amiens St, Dublin 1 or by e-mail to foi@irishrail.ie. You should make your appeal within 4 weeks (20 working days) from the date of this notification, where 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 [REDACTED] or by email at foi@irishrail.ie

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Decision Maker

Freedom of Information Request:
Schedule of Records for IE_FOI_508 : Summary for Decision Making

Record No.	Date of Record	Brief Description	No. of Pages	Decision: Grant/Part Grant/Refuse	Section of Act if applicable	Record Edited/Identify Deletions
1	2021	CEO Inchicore	5	Part Grant	S37	Personal data of others
2	2021	CME Inchicore	2	Part Grant	S37	Personal data of others

Signed:



Freedom of Information / Data Protection Office

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Date: Monday 6 September 2021 11:43:00
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As discussed – here is the SBP article from yesterday The Irish times has a version of this on Saturday and the national radio also covered the story yesterday in news bulletins

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