



9th November 2021

[REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Re: FOI request IE\_FOI\_528

Dear [REDACTED],

I refer to your request dated 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, which was received on by my office on that date, for records held by Iarnród Éireann.

**Request:**

Details on how Iarnród Éireann managed to get back the old railway lines for greenways from the adjacent landowners

The decision maker handling your request is [REDACTED]

**Response:**

I, [REDACTED], Decision Maker have now made a final decision to refuse your request on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

This request is being refused under Section 15(1)(a) – the records concerned do not exist. Further explanation for this refusal has been set out below:

- CIÉ (acting for Iarnród Éireann) has never re-acquired abandoned railway lines that have previously been disposed of. CIÉ does not have the legal power to do so, it can only acquire land for a railway function. The more recent Greenway developments where CIÉ have collaborated with County Councils have been railway lines that are still in CIÉ ownership but where rail services have been ceased by Iarnród Éireann for a number of years e.g. the Mullingar/Athlone line and the Midleton /Youghal line.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:foi@irishrail.ie)

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

FOI Officer, Iarnród Éireann