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Dear [REDACTED],

I refer to your request dated 03rd November 2020 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:

- Any internal correspondence/memos/briefings/minutes of meetings relating to the Dart expansion project from January 2020 until November 11th.
- Any correspondence/memos/briefings/minutes of meetings between Irish Rail and the Department of Transport or its Minister relating to the dart expansion project from January 2020 until November 11th.

Response:

I, Mr. Mark Conroy, Decision Maker have now made a final decision to refuse your request on 16th December 2020.

DART Expansion is currently in the preliminary design process. Ultimately a contract for detailed design and construction will be subject to a competitive tender process. Therefore, information on cost and timeline is considered commercially sensitive and will not be disclosed.

As is explained below, this decision is made under section 36(1) Subject to *subsection (2)(b)* of the Act.

Commercially sensitive information

36. (1) Subject to *subsection (2)*, a head shall refuse to grant an FOI request if the record concerned contains—

(b) financial, commercial, scientific or technical or other information whose disclosure could reasonably be expected to result in a material financial loss or gain to the person to whom the information relates, or could prejudice the competitive position of that person in the conduct of his or her profession or business or otherwise in his or her occupation.

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,

Mr. Mark Conroy,
Decision Maker