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18th September 2020

[REDACTED],

Email [REDACTED]

Re: FOI request IE_FOI_396

Dear [REDACTED],

I refer to your request dated 15th September 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:

- details on why Apex were doing a geophysical survey out on Riverwood Court Green on 14.09.2020 to include any necessary reports and minutes as to why this assessment took place.

Response:

I [REDACTED], Decision Maker have now made a final decision to grant your request on 18th September 2020.

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.

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,



**Decision Maker, Corporate Communications,
Iarnród Éireann**

Freedom of Information Request:
Schedule of Records for IE_FOI_396 : 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	20.09.2020	IE_FOI_396 Response Document	2	Grant	~	~

Signed

Freedom of Information / Data Protection Executive

IE FOI 396 Response Document

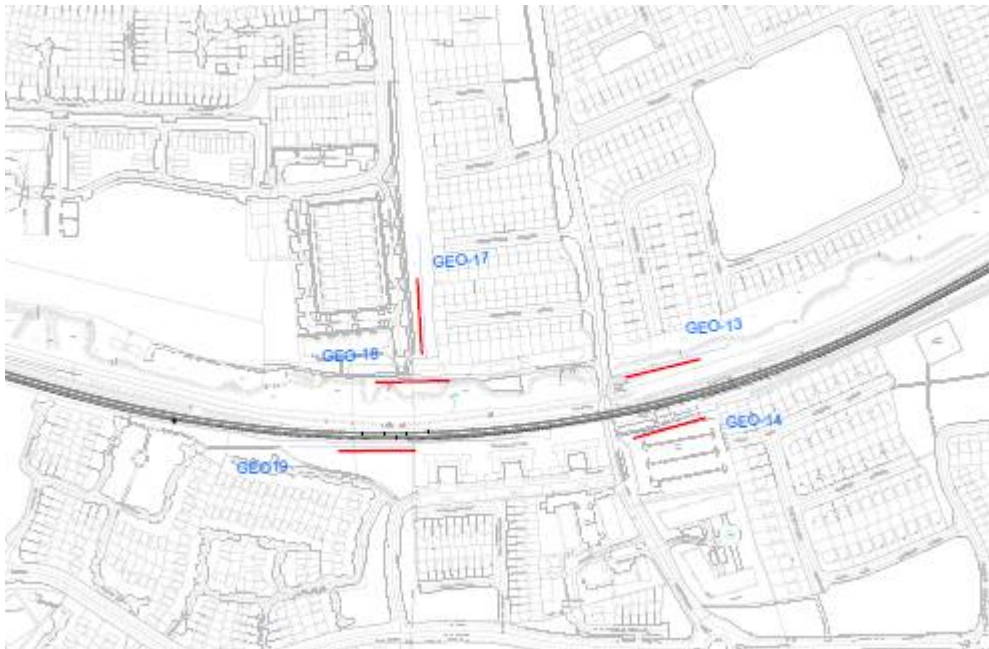
Request:

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Response:

As part of the DART+ West (Maynooth) project, and to inform the optioneering and design development, many different types of surveys are being conducted at many locations along the railway corridor between Connolly Station, M3 Parkway Station and west of Maynooth Station. The Geophysical survey which took place on the 14th September 2020 by Apex Geoservices was one of these surveys organised by the DART+ Maynooth design consultants on behalf of Iarnród Éireann.

The purpose of the geophysical surveys that are being undertaken is to get an idea of depths to rock and characterise the types of soils present, essentially to corroborate geological mapping and compare with historic records. Some of the surveys were prioritised in areas where several vastly different options were being considered and key early assessments could be informed by these advance surveys (such as at Coolmine). Geophysical survey has been proposed to cover all options at Coolmine and not just the Emerging Preferred Option. There will be further physical Ground investigation (further geophysics/boreholes/trial pits/etc.) required.



The results of all these surveys will form part of the optioneering, design development and inform the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) which will be made available to the public as part of the Railway Order process.

The 'emerging preferred option' is part of ongoing Public Consultation 1 which has been extended by two weeks to October 7th. Once public feedback has been received from Public Consultation 1 is received and analysed in the design process a further second round of Public Consultations on the 'preferred option' will take place later this year.