



03rd November 2020



Email: [Redacted]

Re: IE_AIE_019 Response

Dear [Redacted]

I refer to your request dated 02nd November 2020, which was received by this office on that date, which you have made under the EC (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2014.

Request –

- Copies of all public submissions made to the Maynooth DART+ West project during the recent period of consultation?
- Release details of the consultation methodology used, including advertisement and or national media reports, and also, to please outline what methodology was used for communicating the present phase of public consultation of this project to homes and businesses living along the line, and the range of distance from the affected railways where this consultation has been carried out.

Decision

I regret to inform you that Iarnród Éireann must refuse your request under Section (9)(2)(a) of the AIE Regulations.

We have refused your request due to the request being overly voluminous. It will take an estimated 283 hours of work to collate all the information you have requested.

Iarnród Éireann is currently working to anonymise., summarise and assess all submissions made during the Public Consultations. This will be collated in the Public Consultation Feedback Report. Given the volume of submissions made an exact timeline cannot be provided at this time as to when this report will be complete, but it is estimated that it may be available by end of November.

Section (9)(2)(a) of the AIE Regulations below:

(2) A public authority may refuse to make environmental information available where the request— (a) is manifestly unreasonable having regard to the volume or range of information sought.

Right of review

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

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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 AIE Officer by email at foi@irishrail.ie

Yours sincerely,



Freedom of Information / Data Protection Executive