

From: [Kenny Barry](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI Request - Westport
Date: Tuesday 25 June 2019 14:24:32

Hi [REDACTED],

[REDACTED]

Much of the information you've requested is actually publicly available in our [network statement](#), so rather than sending you into that process again, I'll provide the information below. The Heuston to Westport route is minimum double track between Heuston and Portarlinton (also includes some sections of four-tracking from Park West to Hazelhatch, and three-tracking through Kildare), and single track from Portarlinton to Westport, with passing loops. Therefore, it is 41.75miles of double track, 122.75 miles of single track, not counting passing loops. That's 25.38% double-track, 74.62% single.

The maximum speed on a line is not in itself directly determined by a line being single or double track. Numerous other factors are relevant including track an track bed quality, curvature of track, number/density of level crossings amongst many others.

The maximum speed on individual sections of the Heuston to Westport line is as follows.

However, this is the maximum for any section (e.g if a section was A to B to C to D, the maximum speed between B and C would be shown below). The speeds shown are for Intercity railcar trains, as different speeds govern freight trains for example.

- Heuston to Portarlinton: 100mph
- Portarlinton to Athlone: 100mph
- Athlone to Westport: 70 mph

For a more detailed breakdown of line speeds for each section of the line, please see Appendix 4 in the network statement linked above. Pages 67-68 will show speeds per section between Heuston and Portarlinton for "down" trains (i.e. travelling from Heuston), pg 71 shows speeds for "up" trains (to Heuston), Portarlinton to Athlone pages 76-78; Athlone to Westport pages 88-89. This includes all permanent speed restrictions on the line, where speeds are limited to below the line speed detailed above. It does not include temporary speed restrictions, which typically are applied if there are works going on at a section of line, or there are other degraded conditions.

I trust this addresses your query. I will mark the query closed as a result, but please let me know if you feel the queries have not been responded to adequately.

Regards,

Barry

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 25 June 2019 13:36

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: FOI Request - Westport

Hello [REDACTED],

I made an FOI request back in February regarding the Westport Service.

Specifically, I asked what percentage of the route is one track and what percentage is two track.

Furthermore, I requested that your office confirm what cruising speed is for the service on the two track spur as opposed to the one track spur.

I mailed my initial request in but have yet to hear back from you.

As such, can you please clarify whether my request is open, has been closed or requires clarification?

