

News release

EirGrid Public Information Day in Rush – Next Thursday (17th June)

10th June 2010: EirGrid, the state company mandated by the Government to develop an electricity interconnector between Ireland and Britain, is to hold an information day in Rush National School next Thursday (17th June, 4-9pm). Residents in Rush will have a chance to look at the traffic management plans and have their questions answered by EirGrid.

About the East West Interconnector

When developed the Interconnector between Ireland and Britain will help secure Ireland's supply of electricity into the future.

Approximately 250km in length the Interconnector will have the capacity to transport 500 megawatts between the two islands - enough energy to power 350,000 homes.

A high level of consultation has taken place with the local community and local councillors, TD's and Senators, which first commenced in 2007. Press ads and leaflet drops were made to all residents in Rush in 2008 to advise the community of public consultation that was taking place for this planned development prior to the planning application.

Members of the community, including Rush Community Council and Rush Development Committee, made submissions to the independent planning authority, An Bord Pleanala. All submissions were heard and considered by An Bord Pleanala before they made their decision to grant planning permission in September 2009 to EirGrid for the installation of the East West Interconnector from Rush North Beach to Woodland, Co. Meath. These submission included route selection, health, public consultation etc.

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