

# NCH IN D8

[Residents Alliance Group](#) MAY 2020

## “WE DON’T KNOW WHEN THE SITE IS RE-OPENING”

*“At the moment we are waiting for BAM to come up with their re-opening plan and then the NPHDB to approve it and at that point residents will be informed.*

*The contractor is devising a construction health and safety plan and we are awaiting that plan. As you have witnessed, the preparatory works have commenced around the site such as the road markings along the linear park etc.*

*Resident concerns have been raised and submitted in writing to the NPHDB and BAM and a Resident PMC meeting will be scheduled to discuss the plans concerning the interface with the community in advance of the site reopening.”*

15/05/20 Spokesperson NPHDB

Residents have raised a number of issues through the Residents Monitoring Committee.

In the absence of any feedback from BAM, residents have reviewed the Construction Industry Federation Standard Operating Procedures for construction sites returning to work and critiqued them as they would apply to the NCH site.

See [Here](#)

What happens on site is clearly an issue for BAM but given that BAM already have had issues with space; room for lorries to turn around on site, room for a drive through wheel wash and moving access points due to cramped conditions on site, adapting the site to meet health and safety procedures outlined by CIF will present issues and is matter of concern to residents. Furthermore, the adoption of certain CIF recommendations could force site staff off site to access catering services.

The major concerns expressed by residents relates to the large movement of staff from outside the area into it, primarily using private transport and are seeking a risk assessment and ongoing monitoring procedure to be put in place, addressing numbers and methods of transport as well parking requirements .

Workers entering and leaving the site is also an issue. One of the main access points to the site is along the Linear Park, it was planned to move the main entrance point from the back of the Rialto Luas stop up closer to the SCR on the bridge.

Social Distancing makes any site access on the Linear Park highly questionable yet preparatory work undertaken by BAM this week seems to indicate three active entrance/exit points along the Linear Park.

We have received assurances from the NPHDB that the site will not reopen before the plans for reopening are discussed with Resident Representatives at a meeting to be organised.

### Government ROAD MAP

**Phase 1 (18 May 2020)** looks at four sectors;

1. Social and leisure activities
2. Education and childcare
3. Health and Social Services
4. Work and business

### 4. Work and Business

**A phased return** to work can begin for outdoor workers such as construction workers and gardeners.