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The flow of real time information between the new hospital build and the local community is key to minimising the negative impact of the hospital build.

The Residents Project Monitoring Committee are continuing to explore and agree the most appropriate ways to get the information out and to agree the type of information that should be made available.

## Current Work on Site

The Connect [“3 Month Look ahead”](#) was distributed to residents living in the locality of the new children’s hospital construction site last week. Over 4,000 copies of Connect are distributed and if you didn’t get a copy and believe that you should, please get in touch with us by e-mail at the address below.

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The greatest impact people will experience over this cycle will be the increase in the number of cranes visible on the skyline from the current 5 to 9. The new locations will be at either side of the rear entrance to the hospital and two others one at the back of O Reilly Ave and the other one closer to the old energy centre on Mount Brown. Other than that, the excavation, piling, capping and the concrete pouring will continue to be the order of the day. The Piling and Capping is intrusive, it generates noise, dust and vibration that is felt by adjacent homes, however for this cycle this work is taking place by and large within the site. Concrete pouring tends to require extended working hours. The volume of lorries will continue and indeed increase with the opening of the Mount Brown entrance (see below).

The “3 month look ahead” is obviously the plan but in the real world, issues arise or different priorities take precedence that change the original timelines. In response to this the BAM agreed to issue regular Work Advance Notices.

The Work Advance Notice is a note/txt to residents living on the perimeter of the site of work that might directly impact on them prior to that work occurring.

Over the last cycle the Work Advance Notice had mixed reviews, generally people received information in advance of the work taking place, such as the opening of the Mount Brown entrance to the site however on the other hand some people received advanced notice of early morning work, late the evening before or received notice after the work occurred. This is a system that needs to improve.

For more information on what is happening on the site and where it is occurring follow the link [RAG Planning](#)

## Survey

The Residents Alliance Group had planned to complete a survey in September but had to postpone for a number of weeks but will now be knocking on your door over the coming weeks to ask you to participate in a survey on “The Hospital Build and Me”.

The survey is an opportunity for you to express your views on the impact of the construction of the hospital on you and your home .

It is planned to complete the survey and have the findings available by late November.

We plan to cover all the perimeter houses and adjacent streets and for the survey to be carried out by local resident groups.

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## Monitoring Regime

At the RPMC meeting on Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> of October it was agreed that in the light of constant breaches of the E.I.S, permitted levels on Noise and Vibrations and the high percentage of monitors being “off line” the monitoring system is to be reviewed.

The noise level set as part of the planning permission for the building site is set at a level of 70 dbLA at residential dwellings. This level is constantly being broken at a number of monitored positions including the Rialto Luas Stop, Mountshannon Road, the MACE and at Mount Brown and the reason given is “ambient traffic noise”. There are other noise level breaches that occur around the site that relate specifically to the type of work being done.

## Monitoring Reports

**Noise, Dust and Vibration** caused by the construction of the new hospital are monitored on a monthly basis. The data from the various monitoring stations around the site are put into a report for Residents by Atkins Global.

These reports are historical in structure and bring little to reassure residents who have concerns about noise or vibrations experienced in real time, some data can be up to 8 weeks old

Noise Dust and Vibration reports are available [HERE](#) on the RAG site.

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## Linear Park Consultation Update-



The Linear Park Consultation took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> September with two workshops held in the F2 Centre one in the morning and the other in the evening.

The workshops were regarded as well organised effective public engagements and participants are eagerly awaiting the follow up session.

However, the consulting firm, AIT were due to feedback by mid October and now that session has been put back to November to enable a more thorough review of the site and the issues presented.

### Related to the Linear Park

The St James's Development Team made a presentation to the RPMC on the 11<sup>th</sup> and in the presentation showed the location for the new Ambulatory outpatients Department. The 6/7 story building is on the old derelict site beside Basin Lane in front the of Educate Together School. The finished building will also have related retail outlets on the ground floor and an out patients in the other stories.



The plan is due to DCC in November and work is due to commence in 2019 subject to planning permission.

The Fatima Luas Stop entrance to the hospital which has been operational for staff is due to open to the public on a trial basis from November and will probably be open to the public from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Both developments are expected to impact on traffic and parking in the area.

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## Mount Brown Entrance

The Mount Brown Entrance has become operational and a third of all planned lorry movements will enter and exit the site from this entrance. All movements are to and from the Kilmainham junction.



In the Construction Management Plan (ch6) the excavation work was expected to see a flow of between 280-320 total lorry journeys in and out of the site each day. The concrete work will see an additional 80 to 150 loads a day generating a further 160-300 lorry journeys a day in and out of the site. Based on those figures the **Mount Brown** site could see between **150-300 lorries** entering and leaving the new entrance each day.

We have been assured by DCC and BAM that the appropriate signage and the rules of the road will be applied and we won't see any more scenes of pedestrians forced to leave the footpath to pass the new entrance like we did earlier this month.



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## Traffic

Traffic/ Parking is and will continue to be a major issue facing residents in and around the hospital now and into the future.

The Traffic Section in DCC want to make the entire area around the hospital a Pay and Permit area.

However three of the local plebiscites have rejected P&P for a variety of reasons leaving DCC in an awkward position. DCC can impose P&P but the practice is that local wishes take precedence.

Local factors that exert demand on parking in the vicinity of the hospital is the increasing level of car ownership among residents and tenants, the numbers of people commuting into work in the hospital and the NCH site and finally the "Park and Ride" commuters who avail of free parking available adjacent to the Rialto and Fatima Luas stops.

Once the New Children's Hospital becomes operational with its more expensive parking facilities for visitors will result in even more pressure placed on local cheaper P&P parking outside the hospital.

This is clearly a situation that will continue to unfold but what is clear that all the parties to the issue (residents, hospital and DCC) need to be involved in obtaining a fair and acceptable solution to the problem.

A welcome initiative from DCC.

DCC informed the RPMC that DCC Traffic are planning to complete a "Traffic Audit Cell" for the area.

A Traffic Audit Cell is a distinct piece of research that examines the current and projected traffic flow in a defined area.

The area, in this case, is in and around the St James's Complex. The process could take up to 18 months to complete.

When we have more information we will let you know.

## CRIC Building

People on James's Street will have noticed the scaffolding erected against the old wall just before you enter James's from Kilmainham known as the CRIC building.

The current work being undertaken by BAM is to make the building safe after some masonry appeared to fall off the structure last year.

The façade of the building is of some historical interest and is to be incorporated into the new building to happen at the completion of the NCH.



## Feedback

BAM and NCH do respond and report on all contacts made to the 24/7 Helpline

If you are unhappy or concerned by something you see or experience as part of the construction site, please do contact the 24/7 helpline at 015311110.

## Notices

### Feedback

If you are unhappy or concerned by something you see or experience as part of the construction site, please do contact the 24/7 helpline, this can relate to noise, dirt, traffic, out of hours works etc.....” **If you inform, they will reform”**



### Linear Park Consultation

For people who wish to be kept informed on the consultation process, please contact

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### New Consultative Forum

For more information

[For more information click here](#)

Closing Date for applications is Tuesday 23rd October 2018, 4pm

### Work Advance Notice

If you want to be notified of out-of-hours works or work on site that will impact on where you live sign up for the BAM Messaging Service

Garry Keegan Community Liaison

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### Questions and Answers

If you have any questions or issues you want raised with the NCH or the contractors in relation to the build please forward them to the e-mail address below and we will raise them at the next

[Residents Monitoring Committee](#) meeting

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