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# Appendix E

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## Ashtown – Revised Preferred Option

Local Public Consultation

Dear Resident,

The DART+ West project has re-assessed and re-analysed the option selection process for the provision of a new crossing of the railway & canal corridor at Ashtown, due to the closure of the existing railway level crossing. This was deemed appropriate following the feedback received during Public Consultation No. 2 in 2021. This re-assessment has led to the identification of a revised preferred option for Ashtown taking account of new information and criteria submitted by the public.

The revised preferred option includes:

1. Pedestrian and cycle bridge at the location of Ashtown Station. This provides unhindered 24/7 access for pedestrians, vulnerable users and cyclists along the existing desire line of the Ashtown Road linking Navan Road to Rathborne Village.
2. Vehicular underpass beneath the railway and canal approximately 75m further to the west than the previous preferred option. This will maintain vehicular connectivity for residents and commercial enterprises at Rathborne. This revised preferred option largely avoids Ashtown Stables, which was identified as an important local community amenity in a significant number of submissions received during PC2.

A Revised Ashtown preferred option - Option Selection Report has been prepared and will be provided on the project website [www.dartplus.ie](http://www.dartplus.ie).

Iarnród Éireann is now seeking feedback, through a localised public consultation, on this revised preferred option. This consultation commences 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022, and continues for a 4-week period, concluding on the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

A public webinar to outline the revised Ashtown preferred option and to answer your questions on the preferred option will take place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 19:00hrs. To register for the webinar please send an email to [DARTWest@irishrail.ie](mailto:DARTWest@irishrail.ie) requesting a link to join.

Information on the revised preferred option and how to make a submission is available on the DART+ West project website at [www.dartplus.ie](http://www.dartplus.ie).

If you have any further queries, please get in touch with the DART+ West Project Team.

With every good wish,

DART+ West Project Team



**Figure 1: Existing Aerial view**



**Figure 2: Aerial view of revised preferred option**

