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Department of Education and Skills
Portlaoise Road
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13th April 2016

Mr XXXXXXX

Re: FOI request 2016/139

Dear Mr XXXXX

I refer to the request which you made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for records held by this Department:

Can you please provide me with any information regarding the tendering process to date and possible build commencement dates for the two proposed schools to be build off Ballycullen Drive in Firhouse.

I appreciate that the planning is currently subject to a Bord Pleanala appeal.

However I am Interested in any preliminary tendering or build schedules, subject to granting of permission by Bord Pleanala that may be available.

An email reply is sufficient if that suits.

I, Eddie Quinn Acting Higher Executive Officer, have now made a final decision to grant your request on 13th April, 2016.

You have sought access to the records by means of *information request* and I consider this an appropriate form of access in this case. Accordingly, the following information is being released to you.

The Project has been tendered. The Department is awaiting the outcome of the appeal to An Bord Pleanala before proceeding. If it receives approval from An Bord Pleanala, the award of the contract process will commence. The construction period will be 18 months.

Right of appeal

You may appeal this decision. In the event that you need to make such an appeal, you can do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Education and Skills, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1. Your correspondence should include a fee of €30 (€10 for medical card holders)(delete as applicable) for processing the appeal. Payment should be made by way of personal cheque or postal money order made payable to the accountant in the Department of Education and Skills. Please note the Department of Education and Skills no longer accept cheque payments from business users. For further information regarding payment methods for business users, please email foi@education.gov.ie

You should make your appeal within 4 weeks from the date of this notification, where a day is defined as a working day excluding, the weekend and public holidays. However, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this body.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact me by telephone on 057-9324437.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Eddie Quinn', written over a horizontal line.

Eddie Quinn
A/Higher Executive Officer
Major Projects section.