

Weekender response – 23 April 2009

"EirGrid has been open with all stakeholders right from the start of this project. Our public consultation is continuing while we are doing further studies on the preferred route, 3B, announced on 8 April. It was identified last May by our consultants as the most likely emerging corridor. At that point, we told the public of our consultants' recommendation and that more detailed studies would have to be done before it could be accepted by EirGrid.

"Trying to select the best route corridor is a complex process and we are keen for people to gain an understanding of it. Route corridor 3B will now be taken forward to the next phase of project development. No decisions can be made on the final line routes until all studies are completed. EirGrid appreciates the input of all stakeholders however many of these discussions must remain confidential. Once all relevant studies, including the Environmental Impact Statement, are completed and all issues addressed, EirGrid will bring the final line routes to An Bord Pleanála but we are a long way off that yet."