

As part of the Metro North Railway Order application process, Railway Procurement Agency (RPA) placed the Metro North Railway Order application on display on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September 2008. If granted this Railway Order will allow the RPA to construct, operate and maintain a metro line between Belinstown in North County Dublin and St. Stephen's Green in Dublin City Centre via Dublin Airport.

To enable us to build the proposed underground station at St. Stephen's Green, RPA is now undertaking a limited level of investigative and survey works over the coming weeks.



Fusiliers' Arch

We are digging an exploratory trench to show how the Fusiliers' Arch foundations were constructed and we are carrying out a full digital survey of the monument. The Fusiliers' Arch was built in 1907 and commemorates the soldiers of the Royal Irish Fusiliers who died in the Boer War 1899-1902. This work will take approximately five days and will allow the RPA to develop the best possible method of protecting the Fusiliers' Arch during the proposed station construction.

Pedestrian access via Fusiliers' Arch to St Stephen's Green will be maintained during the works.

Other monuments will also be surveyed in the coming weeks, including those of Lord Ardilaun, Robert Emmet and the O'Donovan Rossa Memorial.



Pulham Rock surrounding the North West Lake and island

RPA will also be carrying out a digital survey of the Pulham Rock surrounding the North West Lake and island. This will involve draining the lake for five days. All affected wildfowl will be temporarily relocated to the adjacent east lake by the Office of Public Works for the duration of the survey work.

Pulham and Son were one of the foremost landscape gardeners of the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. They specialised in the creation of picturesque rock gardens, constructed from both natural and artificial rock, as was the fashion of the time. The Pulham Rock and associated features were constructed here in the 1880's. The survey will be carried out, in conjunction with detailed historical research and materials' analysis to help devise the best system for removing and later reinstating the Island which is necessary to build the metro stop.

In consultation with the Office of Public Works, the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government, Dublin City Council and the National Museum of Ireland, RPA will assess all information gathered to minimise the impact of all works.