

LIVING BESIDE A MINE - HOSPITALITY

Tara Mines on the edge of Navan in Co. Meath is Europe's largest zinc and lead mine, and has been operating successfully for 40 years.

The mine employs 1,000 people and is a major driver of the local economy. Businesses which supply the mine benefit enormously from its presence, as do local shops, restaurants and hotels. One local hotel manager from Co. Meath explains their experience.

Mine Business 'Checks In'

"My working week always involves some interaction with the team at Tara Mines; it could be booking rooms for their business partners or organising lunches and meeting rooms for their staff. In my current role it's not hard to see the value of mining to Navan and the wider county.

Tara Mines came to Navan in 1977 creating many jobs. The town began to grow to accommodate the new industry and today Tara Mines employ c.1,000 people. Nearly every member of our hotel staff have a

relation or friend who has at one stage worked at the mine.

The business we receive from the mine is substantial. In 2017 alone, Tara Mines was responsible for over 1,000 room nights, booked either directly or through their partner businesses. All of these guests would have eaten in our restaurant or bar, or maybe they would have made use of other local retailers and cafes.

The 1,000 people employed in the mine also spend their hard earned money locally. They could be celebrating a child's christening

in the hotel, going out for a family lunch, enjoying music in our bars at night or just calling in for a cup of tea. Having a booming industry in Navan definitely helps all of the local companies, not just the hotels.

I've worked in the Hotel and Catering industry for many years. I definitely notice the difference of working in a hotel that has the benefit of being situated near such a successful mining company.

Our future is bright in Navan and Co. Meath thanks to Tara Mines as one of our very much appreciated customers."



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