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(Please quote in all related correspondence)

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ABP- <u>306146-19</u>	

Re: Notification to the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht under the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

**Proposed Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID): Foynes to Rathkeale Protected Road Scheme 2019, Rathkeale to Attyflin Motorway Scheme 2019 and Foynes Service Area Scheme 2019 (forming the Foynes to Limerick Road (including Adare Bypass))**

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On behalf of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, I refer to correspondence received in connection with the above.

Outlined below are heritage-related observations/recommendations of the Department under the stated heading(s).

#### Archaeology

Having reviewed the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and other documentation associated with the scheme, the Department has the following recommendations in relation to the predicted impacts of the proposed scheme on the archaeological heritage of the study area.

The predicted impacts of the construction of the proposed scheme upon the sub-surface archaeological remains identified thus far have, in our opinion, been adequately addressed in the supplied documentation.

The watercourses within the footprint of the proposed road take and its environs were major conduits into the interior and to the many important monuments that mark the landscape. There is therefore a high potential that underwater cultural heritage could be present within the footprint of the proposed works. A detailed underwater archaeological impact



assessment should be carried out in advance of construction so as to inform detailed archaeological mitigation of any impacts arising.

It is the Departments recommendation that all of the Mitigation Measures detailed in Section 14.6 of the EIAR are carried out in full in advance of the commencement of any construction works.

It is also recommended that the archaeological component of the scheme be overseen by a Project Archaeologist. The Project Archaeologist is responsible for liaison with the National Monuments Service for all archaeological aspects of the scheme.

It should be noted that section 14A(2) of the National Monuments Act 1930 (as amended by the National Monuments (Amendment) Act 2004) requires that any works of an archaeological nature that are carried out in respect of an approved road development shall be carried out in accordance with the directions of the Minister of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

You are requested to send further communications to this Department's Development Applications Unit (DAU) at [manager.dau@chg.gov.ie](mailto:manager.dau@chg.gov.ie) (team monitored); if this is not possible, correspondence may alternatively be sent to:

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