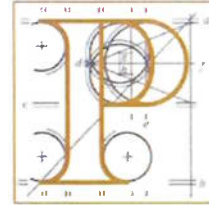


Our Case Number: ABP-318704-23



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
Newtown Road
Wexford
Co. Wexford
Y35 AP90

Date: 29 February 2024

Re: 10 year development of 9 Wind Turbines and associated infrastructure
at Borrisbeg and adjacent townlands, near Templemore town in Co.Tipperary
(<https://borrisbegplanning.com>)

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

The Board will revert to you in due course in respect of this matter.

Please be advised that copies of all submissions / observations received in relation to the application will be made available for public inspection at the offices of the local authority and at the offices of An Bord Pleanála when they have been processed by the Board.

More detailed information in relation to strategic infrastructure development can be viewed on the Board's website: www.pleanala.ie.

If you have any queries in the meantime please contact the undersigned officer of the Board. Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Lauren Murphy
Executive Officer
Direct Line: 01-8737275

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Please find attached Heritage Related recommendations for the above mentioned Strategic Infrastructural Development.

Regards
Diarmuid

Diarmuid Buttimer
Executive Officer

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19 February 2024

The Secretary
An Bord Pleanála
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Via email to laps@pleanala.ie

Re: Notification under the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

SID Application: Buirios Ltd: ABP-318704-23 the proposed renewable energy development will comprise the construction of 9 No. wind turbines with a blade tip height of 185 metres and all associated infrastructure and works.: Borrisbeg, Eastwood, Ballycahill, Knockanroe, Clonmore, Graffin and Skehanagh, Co. Tipperary

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I refer to correspondence in connection with the above. Outlined below are heritage-related observations/recommendations coordinated by the Development Applications Unit under the stated headings

Archaeology

It is noted that the EIAR submitted as part of the planning application includes a desk-based Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) which was carried out in relation to the proposed development by Tobar Archaeological Services (EIAR Chapter 13; date 23 November 2023).

It is noted that the review of aerial photography carried out as part of the AIA has identified a previously unrecorded archaeological site within the Proposed Development Site (PDS). The aerial photography indicates the presence of a rectilinear enclosure which may be a moated site. It is noted that it is proposed that this site will be preserved *in situ*. Therefore, the extent of the site must be adequately determined to ensure that it can be properly protected during the construction, operation and decommissioning phases of the project if permitted.

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has reviewed the EIAR and advises that the following should be included as a condition of any grant of permission. Note these recommended conditions align with Sample Conditions C3, C5 and C6 as set out in *OPR Practice Note PN03: Planning Conditions* (October 2022), with appropriate site-specific additions/adaptations based on the particular characteristics of this development and informed by the findings of the EIAR.



Archaeological Requirements:

1. All mitigation measures in relation to archaeology and cultural heritage as set out in Chapter 13 of the EIAR (Tobar Archaeological Services; date 23 November 2023) shall be implemented in full, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the conditions of this Order.
2. In advance of the commencement of any construction works, a suitably qualified archaeologist shall be engaged to carry out an Archaeological Geophysical Survey at the location of the potential moated site (as identified in Chapter 13 of the EIAR) and including the footprint of the borrow pit, Turbine 1 and their associated section of access track. This shall be in addition to any mitigation measures outlined in Chapter 13 of the EIAR.
 - a. The Archaeological Geophysical Survey must be carried out under licence from National Monuments Service and in accordance with an approved method statement; note a period of 2-3 weeks should be allowed to facilitate processing and approval of the licence application and method statement
 - b. Having completed the work, the archaeologist shall submit a written report to Department and the Planning Authority describing the results of the geophysical survey. Where archaeological material is shown to be present, further mitigation measures will be required; these may include test excavation, redesign to allow for preservation in situ, excavation and/or monitoring as deemed appropriate. The Department will advise the Planning Authority with regard to these matters. No construction works shall commence until after the report on Archaeological Geophysical Survey has been submitted and reviewed.
3. The developer shall engage a suitably qualified archaeologist (licensed under the National Monuments Acts) to carry out pre-development archaeological testing in areas of proposed ground disturbance and to submit an archaeological impact assessment report for the written agreement of the planning authority, following consultation with the Department, in advance of any site preparation works or groundworks, including site investigation works/topsoil stripping/site clearance and/or construction works.
 - a. The report shall include an archaeological impact statement and mitigation strategy. Where archaeological material is shown to be present, avoidance, preservation in-situ, preservation by record (archaeological excavation) and/or monitoring may be required.
 - b. Any further archaeological mitigation requirements specified by the planning authority, following consultation with the Department shall be complied with by the developer.



- c. No site preparation and/or construction works shall be carried out on site until the archaeologist's report has been submitted to and approval to proceed is agreed in writing with the planning authority.
4. A suitably qualified archaeologist shall be retained to advise on, and establish appropriate Exclusion Zones around the external-most elements of vulnerable Heritage Assets (as identified in Chapter 13 of the EIAR).
 - a. Exclusion Zones shall be fenced off or appropriately demarcated for the duration of construction works in the vicinity of the monuments. The location and extent of each Exclusion Zone and the appropriate methodology for fencing off or demarcating at each location shall be agreed in advance with the Department and the planning authority. This shall be informed by the results of the Archaeological Geophysical Survey.
 - b. No groundworks of any kind (including but not limited to advance geotechnical site investigations) and no machinery, storage of materials or any other activity related to construction will be permitted within Exclusion Zones.
5. The Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) shall include the location of any and all archaeological or cultural heritage constraints relevant to the proposed development as set out in Chapter 13 of the EIAR and by any subsequent archaeological investigations associated with the project. The CEMP shall clearly describe all identified likely archaeological impacts, both direct and indirect, and all mitigation measures to be employed to protect the archaeological or cultural heritage environment during all phases of site preparation and construction activity.
6. The applicant shall retain the services of a suitably qualified archaeologist to advise on an archaeological mitigation plan for decommissioning of the development, to include mitigation measures for the removal of the turbines and the protection of the archaeological sites and monuments that are *in situ* at the site. The *Decommissioning Plan* shall be updated to include the location of any archaeological or cultural heritage constraints as set out in Chapter 13 of the EIAR and by any subsequent archaeological investigations associated with the project. It shall clearly describe all identified likely impacts from decommissioning—both direct and indirect—and all mitigation measures to be employed to protect the archaeological or cultural heritage environment during decommissioning works.
7. The planning authority and the Department shall be furnished with a final archaeological report describing the results of all archaeological monitoring and any archaeological investigative work/excavation required, following the completion of all archaeological work on site and any necessary post-excavation specialist analysis. All resulting and associated archaeological costs shall be borne by the developer.

Reason: To ensure the continued preservation (either *in situ* or by record) of places, caves, sites, features or other objects of archaeological interest.



You are requested to send any further communications to this Department's Development Applications Unit (DAU) at manager.dau@npws.gov.ie :

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Diarmuid Buttimer', is written over a circular stamp or seal.

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