

**Our Case Number:** ACP-322843-25



An  
Coimisiún  
Pleanála

Development Applications Unit  
Government Offices  
Newtown road  
Wexford  
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**Date:** 18 August 2025

**Re:** Proposed development of a 110kV substation and associated works  
in the townlands of Ballynamullagh, Kilmurry, Coolree, Killyon and Drehid, County Kildare  
([www.drehidsubstationSID.ie](http://www.drehidsubstationSID.ie))

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Coimisiún 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 Commission 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 Coimisiún Pleanála when they have been processed by the Commission.

More detailed information in relation to strategic infrastructure development can be viewed on the Commission's website: [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie).

If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the undersigned officer of the Commission or email [sids@pleanala.ie](mailto:sids@pleanala.ie) quoting the above mentioned An Coimisiún Pleanála reference number in any correspondence with the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

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**From:** LAPS  
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**From:** Housing Manager DAU <Manager.DAU@npws.gov.ie>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 14 August 2025 13:40  
**To:** LAPS <laps@pleanala.ie>  
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A Chara,

Attached please find the archaeological observations/recommendations of the Department in relation to the aforementioned Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) Planning Application for the Drehid Windfarm substation in County Kildare.

Can you please confirm receipt of same?

Kind Regards,  
Sinéad

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**Sinéad O' Brien**  
Executive Officer

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Our Ref: **SID-KD-2025-014** *(Please quote in all related correspondence)*

14 August 2025

The Secretary  
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Via email to [laps@pleanala.ie](mailto:laps@pleanala.ie)

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

**Proposed Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID): A proposed electrical substation to the Drehid Wind Farm Substation within the townlands of Ballynamullagh, Kilmurry, Killyon, Coolree, and Drehid, County Kildare.**

A Chara

I refer to correspondence received in connection with the above.

Outlined below are archaeological observations/recommendations of the Department.

It is noted that the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (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 Courtney Deery Heritage Consultancy (EIAR Chapter 14; date May 2025).

The proposed development is located in proximity to a number of Recorded Monuments, which are subject to statutory protection under Section 12 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act 1930-2014. The EIAR also acknowledges that there is a potential that previously unknown sub-surface archaeological features or deposits may be present within the proposed development site (PDS) which may be negatively impacted by the proposed development. The Department notes that no advance archaeological investigations have been carried out within the PDS to inform the EIAR, other than a walkover survey. The Department advises that advance archaeological test excavation should be carried out in advance of any development to determine if previously unknown sub-surface archaeological features or deposits are present. If such material is present, then additional mitigation measures to ensure the preservation *in-situ* or preservation by record (i.e. full archaeological excavation) of such discoveries will be necessary. The Department advises that this can be addressed by the inclusion of an appropriate condition, if the development is permitted.



The Department, therefore, 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 14 of the EIAR (Courtney Deery Heritage Consultancy; date May 2025) shall be implemented in full, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the conditions of this Order.
2. In addition, 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 National Monuments Service, in advance of any site preparation works or groundworks, including site investigation works/topsoil stripping/site clearance and/or construction works. Please note the following:
  - 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 National Monuments Service, 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.
3. The Construction Environmental 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 14 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.
4. 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 any



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 14 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.

5. 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](mailto:manager.dau@npws.gov.ie), or to the following address:

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