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A chara,

Please find attached Archaeological observations and recommendations of this Department for the above mentioned planning application.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email.

Thank you.

Kind regards,  
Colette

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**Colette McCormack**  
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*(Please quote in all related correspondence)*

21 November 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) Application is being submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála (ACP) in relation to a proposed grid connection which will facilitate the connection of the proposed Scart Mountain Wind Farm (ACP Ref. 321522) to the existing electricity transmission system, County Waterford.**

A chara,

I refer to correspondence received on 3 October 2025 in connection with the above. Outlined below are heritage-related observations/recommendations of the Department under the stated heading.

### **Archaeology**

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 IAC Ltd (EIAR Chapter 15; date December 2024).

The proposed development is located in general 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 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 15 of the EIAR (IAC Ltd; date December 2024) 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 all greenfield areas of the development site 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.
3. 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 15 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 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.

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