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Attached please find the Heritage observations/recommendations of the Department in relation to the aforementioned Strategic Infrastructure Development.

Can you please confirm receipt of same?

Regards
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The Secretary
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Via email to sids@pleanala.ie ; laps@pleanala.ie

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

Proposed Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID): Herbata Limited): Development of a grid substation and 110KV transmission connection and associated development: Halverstown, Naas, Co. Kildare.

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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 John Cronin and Associates (EIAR Chapter 10; date June 2024).

It is noted that the assessment has been informed by an Advance Archaeological Geophysical Survey as well as by a walkover survey. However, it is noted that no Advance Archaeological Test Excavation has been carried out to expand on and further clarify the results of the Archaeological Geophysical Survey. It is advised that this can be addressed by the inclusion of an appropriate condition, if the development is permitted.

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, 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 10 of the EIAR (date June 2024) shall be implemented in full, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the conditions of this Order.
2. The developer shall engage a suitably qualified archaeologist (licensed under the National Monuments Acts) to carry out a pre-development Archaeological Test Excavation for all 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 archaeologist shall liaise with the Department to establish the appropriate scope of the Archaeological Test Excavation to adequately characterise the character and extent of any potential sub-surface archaeological material within the development site.
 - b. The report on the Archaeological Test Excavation 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.
 - c. Any further archaeological mitigation requirements specified by the planning authority, following consultation with the Department, shall be complied with by the developer.
 - d. 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. A suitably qualified archaeologist shall be retained to advise on, and establish appropriate Exclusion Zones around the external-most elements of vulnerable Heritage Assets located within the development site (as identified in Chapter 10 of the EIAR or by any subsequent investigations associated with the project).
 - 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.
 - 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.



4. 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 10 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.
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.

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