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Attached please find the Archaeological recommendations.

Regards,



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Your Ref: ACP-324082-26
Our Ref: **SID-CK-2026-004**
(Please quote in all related correspondence)

07/04/2026

The Secretary
An Coimisiún Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
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Via email to laps@pleanala.ie

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

Proposed Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID): Knockraha Battery Energy Storage System which consists of a 10-year planning permission for the construction of a: 1 No. enclosed battery energy storage system compound on a total of c. 2-hectare site to include: up to 64 battery storage blocks on concrete support foundations including heating, ventilation and air conditioning units (HVAC units), and 32 Power Conversion Systems (PCS) contained within 16 twin skid units, 1 no. 110 kV AIS electrical substation building and 1 no. single-storey customer substation building, control and switch room, 33/110 kV transformer and 1 no. auxiliary transformers, construction compound, firewater reservoir, store room, welfare unit, dam along the northern boundary, a retention basin, soakage swale, and a diesel backup generator on lands at Ballynanelagh, Knockraha., Co. Cork

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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

It is noted that the planning application documentation includes a desk-based Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) which was carried out in relation to the proposed development by Icon Archaeology Ltd (date February 2026). It is noted that this assessment has been informed by an Advance Archaeological Geophysical Survey and Advance Archaeological Test Excavation, as well as by a walkover survey. This Department has reviewed the AIA and is broadly in agreement with the findings in relation to Archaeology and Cultural Heritage as set out therein.

Therefore, the Department advises that the following should be included as a condition of any grant of permission. Note these recommended conditions align with Sample Conditions C4 and C5 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 Environmental Impact Assessment Report.



Archaeological Requirements:

1. All mitigation measures in relation to archaeology and cultural heritage as set out in the Archaeological Impact Assessment (date February 2026) shall be implemented in full, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the conditions of this Order.
2. 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 the Archaeological Impact Assessment (date February 2026) 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.
3. The planning authority and the National Monuments Service of this 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, or to the following address:

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