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Good afternoon,

Attached are heritage observations/recommendations for the above-mentioned consultation. Please acknowledge receipt.

Regards,

Brian Bone
Executive Officer

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(Please quote in all related correspondence)

19 May 2026

The Secretary
An Coimisiún Pleanála
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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): 10-year planning permission for Cahermurphy Wind Farm consisting of 8 no. wind turbines, 110kV electrical substation and ancillary development

A chara,

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 Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) submitted as part of the planning application includes a desk-based Archaeological Impact Assessment, which was carried out in relation to the proposed development by IAC Ltd (EIAR Chapter 13; dated 20 February 2026).

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). If present, these would be directly 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

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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 13 of the EIAR (IAC Ltd; dated 20 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 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 of 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 National Monuments Service of 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 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.

4. The planning authority and the National Monuments Service of 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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Yours faithfully,

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