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Our Ref: **SID-GW-2026-008**

(Please quote in all related correspondence)

30 April 2026

The Secretary
An Comisiún 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): Development of a 220kV Electrical Substation spread across various Townlands in Galway.

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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 Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) submitted as part of the planning application incorporates a desk-based Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) which was carried out in relation to the proposed development by Rubicon Archaeology Ltd (EIAR Chapter 13; date February 2026). It is also noted that the EIAR was informed by a programme of Advance Archaeological Geophysical Survey and Advance Archaeological Test Excavation as well as a walkover survey. The Department has reviewed the EIAR 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 EIAR.

Archaeological Requirements:

1. All mitigation measures in relation to archaeology and cultural heritage as set out in Chapter 13 of the EIAR (February 2026) shall be implemented in full, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the conditions of this Order.



2. A Project Archaeologist shall be appointed to oversee and advise on all aspects of the scheme from design, through inception to completion.
 - a. The Project Archaeologist shall liaise with the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage and the Planning Authority to agree in advance an overall strategy for archaeological works to be carried out both in advance of and in parallel with construction of the development.
 - b. This shall include the scope of any Archaeological Monitoring as well as any additional mitigation measures that may be required to protect archaeological heritage.
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 (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.
4. The planning authority and the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage 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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