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The Secretary
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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): 110kV Grid Connection Route, and a 110kV Substation associated with the consented Coom Green Energy Park energy development in the townlands of Lackendarragh North, Moanlahan, Knockauncorin, Mullentaura, Glanakip, Rathcormack-mountain, Coolnakilla, Knockananig, Coolmucky, Ballynahina, Corrin, Farran North, Farran South, Kill-Saint-Anne-North, Coom (Hudson), Mullenaboree, Knockaunalour, Knocknacaheragh, Chimneyfield, Killeagh, Glannasack, and Knockdoorty Co. Cork

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I refer to correspondence received 7 May 2026 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 (AIA) which was carried out in relation to the proposed development by John Cronin and Associates (EIAR Chapter 13; date April 2026).

The proposed development is located in proximity to a number of Recorded Monuments which are subject to statutory protection under Section 12 of the National Monuments Acts 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).



The Department has reviewed the EIAR and advises that the following should be included as a condition of any grant of permission. Note these recommended conditions align with Sample Conditions C4, 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 (date April 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 to monitor (licensed under the National Monuments Acts) all site clearance works, topsoil stripping or groundworks associated with the development.
 - a. The use of appropriate machinery to ensure the preservation and recording of any surviving archaeological remains shall be necessary.
 - b. Should archaeological remains be identified during the course of archaeological monitoring, all works shall cease in the area of archaeological interest pending a decision of the planning authority, in consultation with the National Monuments Service, regarding appropriate mitigation.
 - c. The developer shall facilitate the archaeologist in recording any remains identified.
 - d. Any further archaeological mitigation requirements specified by the planning authority, following consultation with the National Monuments Service, shall be complied with by the developer.
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 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.

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