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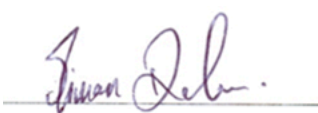
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Attached please find the Archaeological observations.

Regards,



Simon Dolan

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(Please quote in all related correspondence)

7 July 2026

The Secretary
An Comisiún 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): Provision of a downstream underground gas transmission pipeline connection between the existing Dublin to Galway high pressure gas pipeline and the Edenderry Power Plant, and associated development – Meath and Offaly

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I refer to correspondence received 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 includes a desk-based Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) which was carried out in relation to the proposed development by CRDS Ltd (EIAR Chapter 12; date April 2026). It is noted that the assessment has been informed by an Advance Archaeological Geophysical Survey as well as by a walkover survey.

Therefore, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage 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 AIA.

Archaeological Requirements:

1. All mitigation measures in relation to archaeology and cultural heritage as set out in Chapter 12 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. 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 and 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 Advance Archaeological Geophysical Survey, Advance Test Excavation, Advance Underwater Archaeological Impact Assessment and 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 12 of the EIAR (date April 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 and 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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