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Re: Observation on the proposed Cloonbaul 110 kV substation and grid connection

ACP Case: VA16.324429 | Applicant: Cunlaghfadda Green Energy Limited

Dear Sir/Madam,

I ask the Commission to examine whether the archaeological scoping advice has actually been implemented.

The Development Applications Unit advised that desktop assessment and field inspection should inform a programme of targeted geophysical survey and archaeological testing. The EIAR acknowledges that advice, but the important issue is whether an appropriate survey was completed and submitted before the application was determined.

Post-permission test trenching is not equivalent to pre-decision, non-destructive geophysical investigation. The Commission should not approve irreversible works where a material recommendation from the heritage authority remains outstanding. Furthermore the site and its curtilage is suggestive of a deeply integrated neolithic landscape that should be preserved IN SITU.

Yours faithfully,

Joanne Moran