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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 An Coimisiun Pleanala to refuse permission for the proposed Cloonbaul 110 kV substation and grid connection.

The 1995 Mayo Abbey Archaeological Survey identified an enclosure at or immediately adjoining the proposed substation site and described it as being of immense importance. Its full extent, date, function and relationship with the surrounding archaeological landscape have not been established.

Permanent foundations, hardstanding, drainage, fencing, services and access works could damage both visible and buried evidence. Archaeological uncertainty is a reason for investigation and protection, not permission followed by excavation. The enclosure should be preserved and the application refused.

Yours faithfully,

Michael Joyce