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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,

My concern is that the proposed substation is being assessed without sufficient weight being given to the rare Late Neolithic ceremonial evidence at Kilbride.

Excavation for the Galway-Mayo gas pipeline identified a Late Neolithic timber circle on a ridge overlooking lower land. Such sites are rare and may form part of wider ceremonial landscapes rather than isolated features. The enclosure evidence at Cloonbaul must be considered against that local prehistoric context.

A permanent electrical compound should not be approved while the possibility of related or contemporary buried archaeology remains unresolved. The precautionary decision is to protect the landscape and choose another site. There is clear evidence that this is a highly sensitive site that may represent a deeply integrated archaeological landscape that should be preserved in situ.

I am also concerned about the flooding aspect. I believe the EIAR underestimates the risk within a unique karst landscape. I have witnessed numerous flooding events in the area within my lifetime, especially in Knockaunakill. A large site development such as the substation will increase run off and worsen the situation further.

Yours faithfully,

Patrick J Flynn