

Preservation in situ must take priority over preservation by record

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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 object because excavation after permission would not preserve the archaeological site; it would permanently remove it.

Preservation by record is a last resort. Drawings, photographs and reports cannot retain the physical relationship between an enclosure, its internal features, the surrounding landform and other sites in the Mayo Abbey landscape. Future archaeological methods may also reveal information that cannot be recovered today.

A permanent substation should not be placed where important archaeology must be excavated to accommodate it. The proper planning response is avoidance through refusal and selection of a less sensitive location.

I am living in Mayo Abbey for 50 years and see our local community take pride in our heritage and all that our small village has to offer with heritage sites all over this beautiful historic place, Our community have done extensive research in a community project back in 1996 on all the historic places and sites and documented it in this link below, It would be very sad to see all this lost through this proposed site and should be left in situ for generations to come.

<https://www.mayo.ie/getmedia/27fff356-ce8e-4492-8651-c6791750f81f/The-Mayo-Abbey-Archaeological-Survey.pdf>

Yours faithfully,

Teresa Derrig