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The Secretary
An Coimisiún Pleanála,
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Via email: laps@pleanala.ie

Re: Notification to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage under the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

Development to construct a 110 kV/ 38 kV/Medium Voltage (MV) electrical substation and associated infrastructure

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I refer to correspondence received in connection with the above.

Outlined below are heritage-related observations/recommendations of the Department co-ordinated by the Development Applications Unit under the stated heading:

Archaeology

It is noted that *Planning and Environmental Report* (PECR) submitted with the planning application documentation includes a desk-based Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) which was carried out in relation to the proposed development by Rubicon Heritage Services Ltd (PECR Section 12; date July 2026). NMS has reviewed the PECR and is broadly in agreement with the findings in relation to Archaeology and Cultural Heritage as set out therein.

Therefore, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage advise 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 characteristics of this development and informed by the findings of the EIAR.

Archaeological Requirements:

1. All mitigation measures in relation to archaeology and cultural heritage as set out in Section 12 of the PECR (date July 2026) shall be implemented in full, except as may otherwise be required 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 National Monuments Service (NMS) 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 Archaeological Test Excavation 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 Section 12 of the PECR (date July 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 National Monuments Service 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, where used, or to the following address:

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Administration