

## APPENDIX 17.1 RECORDED ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES WITHIN THE STUDY AREA

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| <b>SMR No.</b>                | LH007-118006                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Townland</b>               | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Parish</b>                 | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 702929,808365                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Classification</b>         | Standing stone                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | 0m                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Description</b>            | Situated on NE slope of ridge to NE of Dun Dealgan motte (LH007-118007-). Granitic boulder (max. dims. H 1.3m, 0.7m square in section). According to tradition (OS Memoranda 5439 C) this is 'Lia Lingadon', the stone of Lingadon, herd of the cows of Dictoire, Cu Chulainn's mother. |
| <b>Reference</b>              | OS Memoranda 5439 C                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| <b>SMR No.</b>                | LH007-118007-                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Townland</b>               | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Parish</b>                 | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 702876,808323                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Classification</b>         | Castle - motte and bailey                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | Immediate east of proposed development                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Description</b>            | A large circular steep-sided mound (max. H 8.5-10m, diam. c. 43m) with external bank (Wth 3.5-5m, H c. 1.5m above surrounding ground level). A small D-shaped bailey (8m by 9m), defined by an earthen bank (Wth 5m, H 1m), adjoins the fosse of the motte at the NW. A much larger bailey existed at the E which according to Wright (1758, bk I, pl. IX) was sub-rectangular in plan, but this has now been almost totally destroyed by a modern waterworks. A slight scarp, which indicates its original limits, can still be discerned. On top of the motte are the remains of a late eighteenth century castellated house known as 'Byrne's Folly' and a peripheral bank which appears to be the same date. At the E side of the mound is a wide gap in the bank (Wth c. 4m) with a causeway across the fosse opposite it. It is uncertain whether these features are ancient or modern. A souterrain (LH007-118008-) is set into the S side of the motte. |
| <b>Reference</b>              | Wright 1758, bk I, 7-8, pls VIII, IX;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| <b>SMR No.</b>                | LH007-118----                                                                       |
| <b>Townland</b>               | Castletown                                                                          |
| <b>Parish</b>                 | Castletown                                                                          |
| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                                                                       |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 703009,808581                                                                       |
| <b>Classification</b>         | Historic Town                                                                       |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 107m northeast                                                                   |
| <b>Description</b>            | Zone of archaeological potential surrounding the historic settlement of Castletown. |
| <b>Reference</b>              | <a href="http://www.archaeology.ie/">www.archaeology.ie/</a> SMR file               |

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| <b>SMR No.</b>                | LH007-118009-                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Townland</b>               | Castletown                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Parish</b>                 | Castletown                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                                                                                                                           |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 702925,808343                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Classification</b>         | Cist (present location)                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 11m southwest                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Description</b>            | A cist burial discovered at Tankardsrock (see LH006-037----) was reconstructed in the avenue bank of Dun Dealgan motte (LH007-118007-). |
| <b>Reference</b>              | www.archaeology.ie/ SMR file                                                                                                            |

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| <b>SMR No.</b>                | LH007-118008-                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Townland</b>               | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Parish</b>                 | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 702886,808298                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Classification</b>         | Souterrain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 61m east                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Description</b>            | Located in slope on S side of 'Dun Dealgan' motte (LH007-118007-). The souterrain consists of three-drystone-built passages forming a Z-shaped plan. The first passage (L 3.9m) extends SOUTHWEST – NORTHEAST, turning sharply NW to form Passage 2 (L 7.8m). At the NW end of Passage 2 there is a sharp turn into Passage 3 (L 5.8m) which runs S-N. (CLAJ 1912, 25-6). |
| <b>Reference</b>              | Archaeological Inventory of County Louth, Dublin: Stationery Office, 1986                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| <b>SMR No.</b>                | LH007-118003-                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Townland</b>               | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Parish</b>                 | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 702993,808542                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Classification</b>         | Castle-unclassified                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 75m northeast                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Description</b>            | Richard Bellew received a £10 grant to build a castle of the standard dimensions at Castletown in 1472, and a second grant in 1479, for a second castle at Castletown. Garstin's map of Castletown and Dundalk (1655) clearly shows a castle SE of Castletown cross roads (Gosling 1991, fig. 10a), although the exact position is not precisely known, and there is no further record of this castle. (Tempest 1943, 184-5; Bradley and King 1985, 58-9) |
| <b>Reference</b>              | SMR file/www.archaeology.ie                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| <b>SMR No.</b>  | LH007-025----   |
| <b>Townland</b> | Newtownbalregan |
| <b>Parish</b>   | Castletown      |

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| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 702447,808204                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Classification</b>         | Souterrain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 120m northwest                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Description</b>            | Drystone-built souterrain, cross-shaped in plan, consisting of three passages, a gallery and beehive chamber. Passage 1 (L 5m, Wth 0.7m, H 0.7m) curves gently SW-N. A gallery (L 4.5m, Wth 0.8m, H 0.7m) leads off NE from mid passage. Passage 2 (L 0.6m, Wth 0.7m) leads off W from the middle of Passage 1 and is blocked by collapse. At the N end of Passage 1 is a beehive chamber (diam. 2.4m, H 1.2m) with the entrance to a third passage in its NW side now blocked by collapse. (CLAJ 1956, 445-7) |
| <b>Reference</b>              | <a href="http://www.archaeology.ie/">www.archaeology.ie/</a> SMR file                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| <b>SMR No.</b>                | LH007-121----                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Townland</b>               | Farrandreg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Parish</b>                 | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 703117,807643                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Classification</b>         | Fulacht fia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 168m southeast                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Description</b>            | Discovered during archaeological monitoring of topsoil removal, along a pipeline corridor for a drainage scheme (Excavation Licence 00E0698). Consisted of a trough (L 3.3m; Wth 1.8m; D 0.85m) and a small spread of burnt stones and charcoal rich clay, the latter did not fully seal the trough or extend beyond it. (Bolger 2002, 227-8) |
| <b>Reference</b>              | <a href="http://www.archaeology.ie/">www.archaeology.ie/</a> SMR file                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| <b>SMR No.</b>                | LH007-118011                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Townland</b>               | Castletown                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Parish</b>                 | Castletown                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 703166,808487                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Classification</b>         | Graveyard                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 165m east-northeast                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Description</b>            | Triangular shaped graveyard (map dims. c. 170m x 160m x 110m) adjacent to main Castletown Road, with remains of church (LH007-118005-) in N part. |
| <b>Reference</b>              | <a href="http://www.archaeology.ie/">www.archaeology.ie/</a> SMR file                                                                             |

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| <b>SMR No.</b>                | LH007-118005-          |
| <b>Townland</b>               | Castletown             |
| <b>Parish</b>                 | Castletown             |
| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk          |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 703173,808524          |
| <b>Classification</b>         | Church                 |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 215m east-northeast |

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| <b>Description</b> | Situated on prominent ground close to motte (LH007-118007-) and tower house (LH007-118001-). Undivided nave and chancel (max. dims. c. 23m E-W, c. 6.5m NORTH – SOUTH), but holes in N and S walls might be evidence for a rood screen. Built of uncoursed limestone boulders and greywacke. S wall, much renovated and repointed with concrete, contains the remains of three windows and a gap at its W end where the original doorway may have been. Window at E end of S wall has rounded two-centred arch of punch-dressed limestone on exterior. The jambs of the embrasure are constructed of sandstone blocks, some of which have been moulded. This is the only complete window in the S or N walls. There are four in the N wall, crudely repaired with concrete. Most have the remains of crude moulded sandstone jambs, are splayed and have lintels with flattened arches of greywacke over. E window has sandstone blocks and boulders for inner jambs with a flattened arch of greywacke and central keystone. The remaining lower jambs on exterior are of punch-dressed limestone and contain glazing bar holes and grooves. Small recess or cubby-hole directly under E jamb of centre window in S wall and a further one under the easternmost window; both are constructed with greywacke blocks and slabs. The standing remains are undoubtedly fifteenth- or sixteenth-century in date because of punch-dressed limestone window frames. The chancel contains two seventeenth-century tombs (LH007-118004-). |
| <b>Reference</b>   | <a href="http://www.archaeology.ie/">www.archaeology.ie/</a> SMR file                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| <b>SMR No.</b>                | LH007-125----                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Townland</b>               | Farrandreg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Parish</b>                 | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 703186,807640                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Classification</b>         | Fulacht fia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 230m southeast                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Description</b>            | Discovered during archaeological monitoring of topsoil removal (Excavation Licence No. 00E0698). Consisted of a trough (L 3.6m; Wth 1.2m; D 0.8m) and a small hearth which were partially sealed by a spread of burnt stones and clay. Not fully excavated. (Bolger 2002, 227-8) |
| <b>Reference</b>              | <a href="http://www.archaeology.ie/">www.archaeology.ie/</a> SMR file                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| <b>SMR No.</b>                | LH007-118004/10                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Townland</b>               | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Parish</b>                 | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 703181,808522                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Classification</b>         | Graveslabs                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 225m east                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Description</b>            | Two 17th century grave-slabs located in church (LH007-118005-). One has the name Walter Bellew and date 1631 inscribed on it. See also LH007-118010-. (Bradley and King 1985, 60-1). |
| <b>Reference</b>              | <a href="http://www.archaeology.ie/">www.archaeology.ie/</a> SMR file                                                                                                                |

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| <b>SMR No.</b>  | LH007-199---- |
| <b>Townland</b> | Farrandreg    |
| <b>Parish</b>   | Castletown    |

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| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 703172 , 807566                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Classification</b>         | Standing Stone                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 260m southeast                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Description</b>            | Situated on a rise on a gentle NE-facing slope in a field known locally as The Mashings. The top part of an upright stone (original H c. 1.5m) has been broken off but the stump (dims c. 0.38m x c. 0.3m; H c. 0.6m) is still in situ with the top part beside it. |
| <b>Reference</b>              | www.archaeology.ie/ SMR file                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| <b>SMR No.</b>                | LH007-118001-                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Townland</b>               | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Parish</b>                 | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 703119,808679                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Classification</b>         | Castle – tower house                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 250m northeast                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Description</b>            | <p>Built c. 1472 by Richard Bellew (Tempest 1943b, 184), probably on the site of an earlier de Verdun castle, and according to Wright (1758, bk II, 8) it was 'once defended by a strong wall and other works of circumvallation', presumably a bawn wall. It is a large tower house built of roughly coursed limestone blocks and rubble, four storeys high with four projecting corner-towers. The diagonally opposing towers at the NW and SE angles are larger than the other two. The tower at the SW angle has the stairwell and that at the NW has garderobes from first- to third-floor levels which are contained in separate chambers at the E side of the tower. The building was taken over in the 1940s by the Sisters of St. Louis and renovated for use as a school. However, Tempest (1943b, 180-95) made some attempt to record the monument prior to its recent occupation and has published elevations and plans (1943b, 187, 190).</p> <p>All four angle-towers project out beyond the line of the walls of the body of the castle on both sides, except for the NE tower which only projects to the N. Access at ground-floor level is gained through a doorway just to the E of the SW angle-tower. This leads both to the ground-floor area and to the stairwell immediately to the W of the entrance. The doorway is constructed of finely punch-dressed limestone and has a two-centred arch. The ground floor does not appear to have had a barrel vault over but rather a wooden floor. All the angle-towers on the ground floor were accessible from that level except for the SW one which contained the stairwell. This is unusual since most of the County Louth tower houses have the basal levels of the angle-towers solid or else access is gained from the first-floor level. The remains of a pit for the garderobe lie outside the wall in the NE angle of the NW tower.</p> <p>The first-floor level was lit by two large mullioned windows of limestone in the E and W walls and a slit ope in the N. Access to the corner-towers was from the floors of the main building through doorways and down rough steps. Apparently, the floor level of the angle-towers was lower than that of the main building at the time Tempest recorded the tower house (1943b, 191), but he concluded that this was due to relatively recent alterations. In the SW angle of the main building was an almost square murder hole directly over the centre of the entrance passage which leads from the outside doorway. The second floor had three large mullioned windows, all of which have been altered or blocked up, and a fireplace in the S wall. This floor, which is covered with stone slabs, is carried on a large barrel vault. Access to the third-floor levels in the SE and NW towers is gained by stairs within the towers and not from the main floor area. Therefore, whoever had the use of the main second-floor level also had access to the third level</p> |

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|                  | <p>corner-towers, indicating that these were the important chambers of the castle. The SE tower in the E wall had a two-light window with ogee heads and hood moulding but this is not extant. All the floor levels of the SE tower are carried on barrel vaults. It is possible that this tower had a chapel at second-floor level and the chaplain's room immediately above.</p> <p>The third-floor level of the uppermost living area was carried by large joists and corbels. A modern roof had already been placed over it by the time Tempest (1943b, 191) recorded the castle. The NW angle-tower is cut off from the main floor area, as is the SE one, and access was from the lower level. At the E side of the NW tower is a garderobe which has two outlets.</p> <p>The fireplace in the N wall has been blocked up, as have the windows in the W and S walls. The corner-towers all rise above the level of the roof and contain small chambers. There is a wall-walk covered with large transversely-laid slabs slightly sloping outwards. Each angle-tower at roof level can be reached by short narrow steps from the allure. (CLAJ 1925, 1-2; Tempest 1943b, 180-95)</p> |
| <b>Reference</b> | <a href="http://www.archaeology.ie/">www.archaeology.ie/</a> SMR file                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| <b>SMR No.</b>                | LH007-118002-                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Townland</b>               | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Parish</b>                 | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 703144,808651                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Classification</b>         | Stone head                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 260m northeast                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Description</b>            | Set into a modern wall to the S of Castletown Castle, this is a very good example of a mouth-puller with the typical bulging eyes, exposed teeth and exaggerated wrinkles all over the face and head. The hands come from behind the head and have the thumbs pointing upwards. All the other fingers are inserted in the mouth rather than merely the forefinger as in the French examples. (CLAJ 1977, 69; Weir and Jerman 1986, 104-5, pl. 54) |
| <b>Reference</b>              | <a href="http://www.archaeology.ie/">www.archaeology.ie/</a> SMR file                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| <b>SMR No.</b>                | LH007-024----                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Townland</b>               | Newtownbalregan                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Parish</b>                 | Castletown                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 702279,808798                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Classification</b>         | Souterrain                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 245m northwest                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Description</b>            | Drystone-built chamber (L 6.6m, Wth 1.7m, H 1.3m) aligned NORTHWEST – SOUTHEAST. Partly destroyed during building operations. Now inaccessible. (CLAJ 1975, 195-7) |
| <b>Reference</b>              | <a href="http://www.archaeology.ie/">www.archaeology.ie/</a> SMR file                                                                                              |

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| <b>SMR No.</b>  | LH007-123  |
| <b>Townland</b> | Farrandreg |
| <b>Parish</b>   | Castletown |

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| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 703312,808276                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Classification</b>         | Souterrain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 287m east-northeast                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Description</b>            | Discovered by construction workers and subsequently excavated (Excavation Licence No. 95E0109 ext.). Consisted of two upper chambers, one rectangular (L 4.4m; Wth 2.8m, H 1m) in shape and one oblong, and two lower chambers entered via a semi-circular drop hole. The walls were built with large irregular limestone blocks and corbelled towards the top. The lintels from the upper chambers had been robbed but those in the lower chambers were intact. The first lower chamber (L. 8.5m; Wth 1.3m, max. H 1.5m) was the terminal point of the air vent, from this was another semicircular drop-hole with four slots positioned over it suggesting it may have been part of a trap door entrance. This in drop-hole led into the second lower chamber (L 7.5m; max. Wth 2m; H 2.1m) which was partially cut from bedrock and opened substantially towards the west. Artefacts recovered included Souterrain ware pottery, a fragment of a rotary quern, bone needles, a bone comb, stick pins, worked flint and animal bone. (Murphy, Deirdre 2000, 150-1) |
| <b>Reference</b>              | <a href="http://www.archaeology.ie/">www.archaeology.ie/</a> SMR file                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| <b>SMR No.</b>                | LH007-133----                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Townland</b>               | Farrandreg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Parish</b>                 | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 703337,807992                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Classification</b>         | Habitation site                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 290m east                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Description</b>            | Uncovered during monitoring of topsoil stripping (Excavation Licence No. 00E0299). A hearth with an oval, round-bottomed cut and three distinct fills was found in association with a number of pits. There were no artefacts found in the hearth. One round bottomed pit (max. diam. 0.99m; D 0.21m) contained approximately 200 sherds of collared urn pottery and three sherds of possible Beaker pottery. A number of other pits and postholes were excavated in the vicinity, these however did not produce any artefacts. (Bolger 2002, 227) |
| <b>Reference</b>              | <a href="http://www.archaeology.ie/">www.archaeology.ie/</a> SMR file                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| <b>SMR No.</b>                | LH007-034----                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Townland</b>               | Farrandreg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Parish</b>                 | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 703359 , 807850                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Classification</b>         | Souterrain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 330m southeast                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Description</b>            | The following description is derived from both the published 'Archaeological Inventory of County Louth' (Dublin: Stationery Office, 1986) and the 'Archaeological Survey of County Louth' (Dublin: Stationery Office, 1991). In certain instances the entries have been revised and updated in the light of recent research. Date of upload/revision: 17 July 2007 Drystone-built section of passage and a chamber (overall L 3.5m, Wth 1.3- |

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|                  | 2.2m, H 1.3m) aligned N-S. Air-vent (L 0.9m, Wth 0.2m, H 0.2m) in N wall of chamber. Passage blocked by collapse at S end. |
| <b>Reference</b> | <a href="http://www.archaeology.ie/">www.archaeology.ie/</a> SMR file                                                      |

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| <b>SMR No.</b>                | LH007-135                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Townland</b>               | Farrandreg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Parish</b>                 | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 703377,807977                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Classification</b>         | Fulacht fia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 330m east                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Description</b>            | Discovered during monitoring of topsoil stripping in advance of a housing development (Excavation Licence No. 01E1009). Excavation revealed a spread of burnt stones and charcoal, underneath which were two troughs and a hearth. One trough was sub-rectangular in shape while the other was rectangular and had a stakehole in each corner. (Danaher 2003, 263) |
| <b>Reference</b>              | <a href="http://www.archaeology.ie/">www.archaeology.ie/</a> SMR file                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| <b>SMR No.</b>                | LH007-200----                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Townland</b>               | Farrandreg                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Parish</b>                 | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 703079 , 807436                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Classification</b>         | Standing Stone                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 355m southeast                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Description</b>            | Located towards the bottom of a S-facing slope in a field known as O'Hare's Field. What is probably a granite stone (dims 0.45m x c. 0.25m; L 1.7m) that was standing upright until c. 2020 is now lying prone. |
| <b>Reference</b>              | <a href="http://www.archaeology.ie/">www.archaeology.ie/</a> SMR file                                                                                                                                           |

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| <b>SMR No.</b>                | LH007-183                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Townland</b>               | Newtownbalregan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Parish</b>                 | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 701959,808508                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Classification</b>         | Fulacht fia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 360m west                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Description</b>            | Excavated as part of the Dundalk Western by-pass project (Excavation Licence No. 04E0817). A patchy spread (L 7m; Wth 7m; max. D 0.4m) of burnt stone set in a burnt silty sand under which lay a sub-oval trough (L 1.5m; Wth 1m) and a possible post-hole or pit. (Hayes 2007, 267) |
| <b>Reference</b>              | <a href="http://www.archaeology.ie/">www.archaeology.ie/</a> SMR file                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| <b>SMR No.</b> | LH007-171---- |
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| <b>Townland</b>               | Newtownbalregan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Parish</b>                 | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 701922,808392                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Classification</b>         | Habitation site                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 400m west                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Description</b>            | Excavated in advance of the construction of the M1 Dundalk Western Bypass (Excavation Licence No. 03E0113). Two hearths, and a series of pits, post-holes and stake-holes were uncovered. One pit contained 170 sherds of Early Bronze Age pottery and another contained a complete, but broken, polypod bowl. (Bayley 2006, 342) |
| <b>Reference</b>              | <a href="http://www.archaeology.ie/">www.archaeology.ie/</a> SMR file                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| <b>SMR No.</b>                | LH007-124                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Townland</b>               | Farrandreg                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Parish</b>                 | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 703428,808300                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Classification</b>         | Fulacht fia                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 400m east-northeast                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Description</b>            | Discovered during archaeological test trenching (Excavation Licence 95E0113). Partial excavation uncovered the ploughed out remains of a fulacht fia, no evidence for a trough was found. (Murphy 1996, 64) |
| <b>Reference</b>              | <a href="http://www.archaeology.ie/">www.archaeology.ie/</a> SMR file                                                                                                                                       |

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| <b>SMR No.</b>                | LH007-136----                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Townland</b>               | Farrandreg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Parish</b>                 | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 703451,807928                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Classification</b>         | Excavation - miscellaneous                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 405m east                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Description</b>            | Discovered during monitoring of top soil stripping (Excavation Licence No. 01E1008). An oval shaped pit (2.76m x 1.8m; D 0.46m) covered with a thin layer of burnt mound material. It was filled with material very similar to that of the fulacht fia (LH007-135----) found in the same field. (Danaher, 2001) |
| <b>Reference</b>              | <a href="http://www.archaeology.ie/">www.archaeology.ie/</a> SMR file                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| <b>SMR No.</b>        | LH007-122---- |
| <b>Townland</b>       | Farrandreg    |
| <b>Parish</b>         | Castletown    |
| <b>Barony</b>         | Upper Dundalk |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>         | 703455,808220 |
| <b>Classification</b> | Fulacht fia   |

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| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 405m east                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Description</b>            | Discovered during archaeological monitoring of topsoil removal (Excavation Licence No. 98E0573). Excavation revealed a sub-rectangular trough (L 1.6m; Wth 0.85m; D 0.29m), filled with a burnt black clay which contained inclusions of heat shattered stones and a fragment of cremated bone. To the N of the trough was a layer of burnt clay and stones which sealed a small pit (Wth 0.28m; D 0.23m), and to the S of the trough were three small pits. (Lynch 2000, 147) |
| <b>Reference</b>              | www.archaeology.ie/ SMR file                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| <b>SMR No.</b>                | LH007-172                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Townland</b>               | Newtownbalregan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Parish</b>                 | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 702047,808841                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Classification</b>         | House - Neolithic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 430m northwest                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Description</b>            | Excavated in advance of the construction of the M1 Dundalk Western Bypass (Excavation Licence No. 03E0114). An arc of seven post-holes may have formed a circular structure (diam. c. 5m) with two central post-holes. Two shallow, curvilinear trenches were uncovered around the structure. Twelve additional pits were also recorded, one of which contained evidence of in situ burning. Finds included 276 sherds of prehistoric pottery two Neolithic flint blades. Found in association with a fulacht fia (LH007-173----). (Bayley 2006, 342) |
| <b>Reference</b>              | www.archaeology.ie/ SMR file                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| <b>SMR No.</b>                | LH007-173----                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Townland</b>               | Newtownbalregan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Parish</b>                 | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 702047,808841                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Classification</b>         | Fulacht Fia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 430m northwest                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Description</b>            | Excavated in advance of the construction of the M1 Dundalk Western Bypass (Excavation Licence No. 03E0114). Two troughs were uncovered (Trough 1: L 2.9m; Wth 1.52m; D 0.4m; Trough 2: L 1.62m; Wth 1.42m; D 0.42m). Trough 1 contained six post-holes around the edge of the base. Found in association with a possible Neolithic round house (LH007-172----). (Bayley 2006, 342) |
| <b>Reference</b>              | www.archaeology.ie/ SMR file                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| <b>SMR No.</b>        | LH007-174001/2          |
| <b>Townland</b>       | Newtownbalregan         |
| <b>Parish</b>         | Castletown              |
| <b>Barony</b>         | Upper Dundalk           |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>         | 702086,808937           |
| <b>Classification</b> | Ringfort and souterrain |

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| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 475m northwest                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Description</b>            | Excavated in advance of the construction of the M1 Dundalk Western Bypass (Excavation Licence No. 03E0115). Located c. 5m SW of a ringfort ditch (LH007-142001-). 'The souterrain consisted of: six galleries; two rectangular and corbelled chambers, both with external air vents; three lighting alcoves (one stone-lined); one entrance grille/door (Gallery 1); one large internal door with jambs and locking arrangement (Gallery 2); and one drop-hole (Chamber 1). Included as a capstone near the entrance to Gallery 3 was a large, reused piece of highly decorated megalithic art. The souterrain was built using two building materials: quarried stone for Galleries 1-5 and Chamber 1, but rougher 'field stone' for Gallery 6 (which was entered via the drop-hole from Chamber 1) and the large Chamber 2'. The total L of the passages was 46m, 33m of which was intact. (Bayley 2006, 343) |
| <b>Reference</b>              | www.archaeology.ie/ SMR file                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| <b>SMR No.</b>                | LH007-061----                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Townland</b>               | Lisnawully                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Parish</b>                 | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 702915,807191                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Classification</b>         | Souterrain                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 500m south                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Description</b>            | Recorded as consisting of 'a dome-shaped room, 6 feet deep, with a passage leading off NE' by OS (Memoranda 6458A). Site noted by Tempest (CLAJ 1912, 21). Now inaccessible. |
| <b>Reference</b>              | www.archaeology.ie/ SMR file                                                                                                                                                 |

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| <b>SMR No.</b>                | LH007-035                    |
| <b>Townland</b>               | Lisnawully                   |
| <b>Parish</b>                 | Castletown                   |
| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 703164,807310                |
| <b>Classification</b>         | Souterrain                   |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 500m southeast            |
| <b>Description</b>            | No file available.           |
| <b>Reference</b>              | www.archaeology.ie/ SMR file |

**APPENDIX 17.2 RECORDED ARCHITECTURAL SITES WITHIN THE STUDY AREA**

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| <b>RPS No.</b>                | D089                                        |
| <b>NIAH No.</b>               | N/a                                         |
| <b>Townland</b>               | Castletown                                  |
| <b>Parish</b>                 | Castletown                                  |
| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                               |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 703093, 808578                              |
| <b>Classification</b>         | Gate Piers to Castletown Castle             |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 165m northeast                           |
| <b>Description</b>            | Gated entrance to former demesne landscape. |
| <b>Reference</b>              | Louth County Development Plan (2021-2027)   |

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| <b>RPS No.</b>                | D088                                      |
| <b>NIAH No.</b>               | N/a                                       |
| <b>Townland</b>               | Castletown                                |
| <b>Parish</b>                 | Castletown                                |
| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                             |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 703170, 808523                            |
| <b>Classification</b>         | Castletown Church and Graveyard           |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 215m east-northeast                    |
| <b>Description</b>            | Late medieval church and graveyard        |
| <b>Reference</b>              | Louth County Development Plan (2021-2027) |

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| <b>RPS No.</b>                | D090                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>NIAH No.</b>               | 13900737                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Townland</b>               | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Parish</b>                 | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 703107, 808666                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Classification</b>         | House adjacent to Bellew's Castle                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 235m northeast                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Description</b>            | Built in the mid eighteenth century the house is representative of the increased stability of the political and social situation in Ireland which led to a move from defensive to domestic architecture. Its location next to Bellew's Castle adds to interest. |
| <b>Reference</b>              | Louth County Development Plan (2021-2027)/ NIAH Survey                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| <b>RPS No.</b>  | D091       |
| <b>NIAH No.</b> | N/a        |
| <b>Townland</b> | Castletown |
| <b>Parish</b>   | Castletown |

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| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                                    |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 703121,808674                                    |
| <b>Classification</b>         | Bellew's Castle                                  |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 250m northeast                                |
| <b>Description</b>            | Tower house, recorded in the RMP as LH007-118001 |
| <b>Reference</b>              | Louth County Development Plan (2021-2027)        |

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <b>RPS No.</b>                | D092                                             |
| <b>NIAH No.</b>               | N/a                                              |
| <b>Townland</b>               | Castletown                                       |
| <b>Parish</b>                 | Castletown                                       |
| <b>Barony</b>                 | Upper Dundalk                                    |
| <b>I.T.M.</b>                 | 703144, 808668                                   |
| <b>Classification</b>         | Grotesque Sculpture                              |
| <b>Dist. From Development</b> | c. 260m northeast                                |
| <b>Description</b>            | Stone head – recorded in the RMP as LH007-118002 |
| <b>Reference</b>              | Louth County Development Plan (2021-2027)        |

## APPENDIX 17.3 TOPOGRAPHICAL FILES WITHIN THE STUDY AREA

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| <b>NMI No.</b>     | 1977:2192                                               |
| <b>Name</b>        | Pottery rim sherd                                       |
| <b>Material</b>    | Ceramic                                                 |
| <b>Find Place</b>  | 105m west of Castletown Castle                          |
| <b>Townland</b>    | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Parish</b>      | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Barony</b>      | Upper Dundalk                                           |
| <b>County</b>      | Louth                                                   |
| <b>Description</b> | Coarse grey fabric with large inclusions                |
| <b>Reference</b>   | National Museum of Ireland Topographical Files Database |

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|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>NMI No.</b>     | 1977:2193                                               |
| <b>Name</b>        | Medieval pottery body sherd                             |
| <b>Material</b>    | Ceramic                                                 |
| <b>Find Place</b>  | 105m west of Castletown Castle                          |
| <b>Townland</b>    | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Parish</b>      | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Barony</b>      | Upper Dundalk                                           |
| <b>County</b>      | Louth                                                   |
| <b>Description</b> | Specks of a red/yellow glaze. Orange buff fabric.       |
| <b>Reference</b>   | National Museum of Ireland Topographical Files Database |

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| <b>NMI No.</b>     | 1977:2194                                               |
| <b>Name</b>        | Medieval pottery body sherd                             |
| <b>Material</b>    | Ceramic                                                 |
| <b>Find Place</b>  | 105m west of Castletown Castle                          |
| <b>Townland</b>    | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Parish</b>      | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Barony</b>      | Upper Dundalk                                           |
| <b>County</b>      | Louth                                                   |
| <b>Description</b> | Red/orange glaze with orange fabric                     |
| <b>Reference</b>   | National Museum of Ireland Topographical Files Database |

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|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>NMI No.</b>    | 1977:2195                      |
| <b>Name</b>       | Pottery body sherd             |
| <b>Material</b>   | Ceramic                        |
| <b>Find Place</b> | 105m west of Castletown Castle |
| <b>Townland</b>   | Castletown                     |
| <b>Parish</b>     | Castletown                     |
| <b>Barony</b>     | Upper Dundalk                  |
| <b>County</b>     | Louth                          |

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|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Description</b> | Buff orange colour with grey fabric                     |
| <b>Reference</b>   | National Museum of Ireland Topographical Files Database |

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| <b>NMI No.</b>     | 1977:2196                                               |
| <b>Name</b>        | Iron slag                                               |
| <b>Material</b>    | slag                                                    |
| <b>Find Place</b>  | 105m west of Castletown Castle                          |
| <b>Townland</b>    | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Parish</b>      | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Barony</b>      | Upper Dundalk                                           |
| <b>County</b>      | Louth                                                   |
| <b>Description</b> | N/A                                                     |
| <b>Reference</b>   | National Museum of Ireland Topographical Files Database |

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|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>NMI No.</b>     | 1977:2197                                               |
| <b>Name</b>        | Clay pipe stem fragment                                 |
| <b>Material</b>    | ceramic                                                 |
| <b>Find Place</b>  | 105m west of Castletown Castle                          |
| <b>Townland</b>    | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Parish</b>      | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Barony</b>      | Upper Dundalk                                           |
| <b>County</b>      | Louth                                                   |
| <b>Description</b> | N/A                                                     |
| <b>Reference</b>   | National Museum of Ireland Topographical Files Database |

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|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>NMI No.</b>     | 1977:2198.1                                             |
| <b>Name</b>        | Cow tooth                                               |
| <b>Material</b>    | Animal Remains                                          |
| <b>Find Place</b>  | 105m west of Castletown Castle                          |
| <b>Townland</b>    | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Parish</b>      | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Barony</b>      | Upper Dundalk                                           |
| <b>County</b>      | Louth                                                   |
| <b>Description</b> | N/A                                                     |
| <b>Reference</b>   | National Museum of Ireland Topographical Files Database |

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|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>NMI No.</b>    | 1978:117                       |
| <b>Name</b>       | Medieval pottery body sherd    |
| <b>Material</b>   | Ceramic                        |
| <b>Find Place</b> | 105m west of Castletown Castle |
| <b>Townland</b>   | Castletown                     |
| <b>Parish</b>     | Castletown                     |
| <b>Barony</b>     | Upper Dundalk                  |

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|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>County</b>      | Louth                                                                     |
| <b>Description</b> | Coarse fabric with frequent small grit & mica inclusions. Soot-blackened. |
| <b>Reference</b>   | National Museum of Ireland Topographical Files Database                   |

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|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>NMI No.</b>     | 1978:118                                                |
| <b>Name</b>        | Plough pebble                                           |
| <b>Material</b>    | Stone                                                   |
| <b>Find Place</b>  | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Townland</b>    | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Parish</b>      | Upper Dundalk                                           |
| <b>Barony</b>      | Louth                                                   |
| <b>County</b>      | N/A                                                     |
| <b>Description</b> | National Museum of Ireland Topographical Files Database |
| <b>Reference</b>   | 1978:118                                                |

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| <b>NMI No.</b>     | 1978:119                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Name</b>        | Glazed medieval pottery body sherd (possible)                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Material</b>    | Ceramic                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Find Place</b>  | 105m west of Castletown Castle                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Townland</b>    | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Parish</b>      | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Barony</b>      | Upper Dundalk                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>County</b>      | Louth                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Description</b> | Thin-walled well-fired orange fabric with infrequent small mica & grit inclusions. Yellow-green glaze on one face. Also possibly a post-medieval ware such as North Devon. |
| <b>Reference</b>   | National Museum of Ireland Topographical Files Database                                                                                                                    |

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| <b>NMI No.</b>     | 1978:120                                                                                         |
| <b>Name</b>        | Glazed medieval pottery rim sherd (possible)                                                     |
| <b>Material</b>    | Ceramic                                                                                          |
| <b>Find Place</b>  | 105m west of eastern wall of Castletown Castle                                                   |
| <b>Townland</b>    | Castletown                                                                                       |
| <b>Parish</b>      | Castletown                                                                                       |
| <b>Barony</b>      | Upper Dundalk                                                                                    |
| <b>County</b>      | Louth                                                                                            |
| <b>Description</b> | Buff -orange fabric with worn remains of tan/yellow glaze on exterior. Also possible body sherd. |
| <b>Reference</b>   | National Museum of Ireland Topographical Files Database                                          |

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|-------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>NMI No.</b>    | 1978:121                                       |
| <b>Name</b>       | Glazed red earthenware body sherd              |
| <b>Material</b>   | Ceramic                                        |
| <b>Find Place</b> | 105m west of eastern wall of Castletown Castle |
| <b>Townland</b>   | Castletown                                     |

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| <b>Parish</b>      | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Barony</b>      | Upper Dundalk                                           |
| <b>County</b>      | Louth                                                   |
| <b>Description</b> | Tan interior glaze. Most likely post-medieval in date.  |
| <b>Reference</b>   | National Museum of Ireland Topographical Files Database |

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| <b>NMI No.</b>     | 1978:122                                                                                              |
| <b>Name</b>        | Glazed red earthenware body sherd                                                                     |
| <b>Material</b>    | Ceramic                                                                                               |
| <b>Find Place</b>  | 105m west of eastern wall of Castletown Castle                                                        |
| <b>Townland</b>    | Castletown                                                                                            |
| <b>Parish</b>      | Castletown                                                                                            |
| <b>Barony</b>      | Upper Dundalk                                                                                         |
| <b>County</b>      | Louth                                                                                                 |
| <b>Description</b> | Thin-walled small sherd with worn traces of black/brown exterior glaze. Likely post-medieval in date. |
| <b>Reference</b>   | National Museum of Ireland Topographical Files Database                                               |

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|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>NMI No.</b>     | 1978:123                                                |
| <b>Name</b>        | Clay pipe stem fragment                                 |
| <b>Material</b>    | Ceramic                                                 |
| <b>Find Place</b>  | 105m west of eastern wall of Castletown Castle          |
| <b>Townland</b>    | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Parish</b>      | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Barony</b>      | Upper Dundalk                                           |
| <b>County</b>      | Louth                                                   |
| <b>Description</b> | N/A                                                     |
| <b>Reference</b>   | National Museum of Ireland Topographical Files Database |

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|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>NMI No.</b>     | 1978:122.1                                              |
| <b>Name</b>        | Leinster cookware body sherd                            |
| <b>Material</b>    | Ceramic                                                 |
| <b>Find Place</b>  | S side of motte near souterrain                         |
| <b>Townland</b>    | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Parish</b>      | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Barony</b>      | Upper Dundalk                                           |
| <b>County</b>      | Louth                                                   |
| <b>Description</b> | Rough, gritty                                           |
| <b>Reference</b>   | National Museum of Ireland Topographical Files Database |

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| <b>NMI No.</b>  | 1978:123.1            |
| <b>Name</b>     | Red earthenware sherd |
| <b>Material</b> | Ceramic               |

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| <b>Find Place</b>  | S side of motte near souterrain                         |
| <b>Townland</b>    | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Parish</b>      | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Barony</b>      | Upper Dundalk                                           |
| <b>County</b>      | Louth                                                   |
| <b>Description</b> | Possible tile or brick fragment                         |
| <b>Reference</b>   | National Museum of Ireland Topographical Files Database |

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|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>NMI No.</b>     | 1984:153                                                |
| <b>Name</b>        | Gold gem-set ring                                       |
| <b>Material</b>    | Gold                                                    |
| <b>Find Place</b>  | Dun Dealgan motte/'Cuchulainn's mount'                  |
| <b>Townland</b>    | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Parish</b>      | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Barony</b>      | Upper Dundalk                                           |
| <b>County</b>      | Louth                                                   |
| <b>Description</b> | N/A                                                     |
| <b>Reference</b>   | National Museum of Ireland Topographical Files Database |

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| <b>NMI No.</b>     | 1988:97                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Name</b>        | Glazed medieval pottery body sherd                                                                                        |
| <b>Material</b>    | Ceramic                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Find Place</b>  | Castletown medieval parish church                                                                                         |
| <b>Townland</b>    | Castletown                                                                                                                |
| <b>Parish</b>      | Castletown                                                                                                                |
| <b>Barony</b>      | Upper Dundalk                                                                                                             |
| <b>County</b>      | Louth                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Description</b> | Grey core fabric with limestone and mica inclusions. Remains of yellow glaze on exterior. Interior is a buff pink colour. |
| <b>Reference</b>   | National Museum of Ireland Topographical Files Database                                                                   |

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|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>NMI No.</b>     | 1941:1122                                               |
| <b>Name</b>        | Earthenware jar containing cider (?)                    |
| <b>Material</b>    | Ceramic                                                 |
| <b>Find Place</b>  | Castletown Castle Bawn                                  |
| <b>Townland</b>    | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Parish</b>      | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Barony</b>      | Upper Dundalk                                           |
| <b>County</b>      | Louth                                                   |
| <b>Description</b> | N/A                                                     |
| <b>Reference</b>   | National Museum of Ireland Topographical Files Database |

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| <b>NMI No.</b> | 1941:1123 |
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| <b>Name</b>        | Post-medieval Stoneware jar                                                                          |
| <b>Material</b>    | Ceramic                                                                                              |
| <b>Find Place</b>  | Castletown Castle Bawn                                                                               |
| <b>Townland</b>    | Castletown                                                                                           |
| <b>Parish</b>      | Castletown                                                                                           |
| <b>Barony</b>      | Upper Dundalk                                                                                        |
| <b>County</b>      | Louth                                                                                                |
| <b>Description</b> | Post-medieval brown-glazed stoneware jar. Fractured body, neck detached. Cork stopper still in situ. |
| <b>Reference</b>   | National Museum of Ireland Topographical Files Database                                              |

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|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>NMI No.</b>     | 1879:39                                                 |
| <b>Name</b>        | Iron arrowhead                                          |
| <b>Material</b>    | Iron                                                    |
| <b>Find Place</b>  | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Townland</b>    | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Parish</b>      | Upper Dundalk                                           |
| <b>Barony</b>      | Louth                                                   |
| <b>County</b>      | (Found in a fort)                                       |
| <b>Description</b> | National Museum of Ireland Topographical Files Database |
| <b>Reference</b>   | 1879:39                                                 |

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|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>NMI No.</b>     | 1701:WK138                                              |
| <b>Name</b>        | Iron arrowhead                                          |
| <b>Material</b>    | Iron                                                    |
| <b>Find Place</b>  | (Found in a fort)                                       |
| <b>Townland</b>    | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Parish</b>      | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Barony</b>      | Upper Dundalk                                           |
| <b>County</b>      | Louth                                                   |
| <b>Description</b> | N/a                                                     |
| <b>Reference</b>   | National Museum of Ireland Topographical Files Database |

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|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>NMI No.</b>     | 1979:123.2                                              |
| <b>Name</b>        | Red earthen sherd                                       |
| <b>Material</b>    | Ceramic                                                 |
| <b>Find Place</b>  | 105m west of Castletown Castle                          |
| <b>Townland</b>    | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Parish</b>      | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Barony</b>      | Upper Dundalk                                           |
| <b>County</b>      | Louth                                                   |
| <b>Description</b> | Possible tile or brick fragment                         |
| <b>Reference</b>   | National Museum of Ireland Topographical Files Database |

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|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>NMI No.</b>     | 1977:2198.2                                             |
| <b>Name</b>        | Animal tusk                                             |
| <b>Material</b>    | Animal remains                                          |
| <b>Find Place</b>  | 105m west of Castletown Castle                          |
| <b>Townland</b>    | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Parish</b>      | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Barony</b>      | Upper Dundalk                                           |
| <b>County</b>      | Louth                                                   |
| <b>Description</b> | N/A                                                     |
| <b>Reference</b>   | National Museum of Ireland Topographical Files Database |

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|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>NMI No.</b>     | 1977:2198.3                                             |
| <b>Name</b>        | Animal tooth                                            |
| <b>Material</b>    | Animal remains                                          |
| <b>Find Place</b>  | 105m west of Castletown Castle                          |
| <b>Townland</b>    | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Parish</b>      | Castletown                                              |
| <b>Barony</b>      | Upper Dundalk                                           |
| <b>County</b>      | Louth                                                   |
| <b>Description</b> | n/a                                                     |
| <b>Reference</b>   | National Museum of Ireland Topographical Files Database |

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| <b>NMI No.</b>     | 2019:166                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Name</b>        | Flint arrowhead or projectile head roughout                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Material</b>    | Flint                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Find Place</b>  | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Townland</b>    | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Parish</b>      | Castletown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Barony</b>      | Upper Dundalk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>County</b>      | Louth                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Description</b> | Flint arrowhead or projectile head roughout. Light brown-grey coloured flint. Incisively retouched on the ventral surface. 50% of cortex remains on the ventral surface. There is an area of damaged and chipping at the proximal end along the left lateral edge. As the arrowhead has a curved profile it would never have functioned effectively, as its' trajectory would have been compromised. Due to this and the level of damage at the proximal end it would indicate that completing the manufacturing of the object was abandoned. There is a shallow concavity at the right distal edge, which is abruptly retouched, this would indicate that it was possibly re-used as a scraper. |
| <b>Reference</b>   | National Museum of Ireland Topographical Files Database                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

## **APPENDIX 17.4 LEGISLATION PROTECTING THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCE**

### **Protection of Cultural Heritage**

The cultural heritage in Ireland is safeguarded through national and international policy designed to secure the protection of the cultural heritage resource to the fullest possible extent (Department of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands 1999, 35). This is undertaken in accordance with the provisions of the European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (Valletta Convention), ratified by Ireland in 1997.

### **The Archaeological Resource**

The National Monuments Act 1930 to 2014 and relevant provisions of the National Cultural Institutions Act 1997 are the primary means of ensuring the satisfactory protection of archaeological remains, which includes all man-made structures of whatever form or date except buildings habitually used for ecclesiastical purposes. A National Monument is described as 'a monument or the remains of a monument the preservation of which is a matter of national importance by reason of the historical, architectural, traditional, artistic or archaeological interest attaching thereto' (National Monuments Act 1930 Section 2). A number of mechanisms under the National Monuments Act are applied to secure the protection of archaeological monuments. These include the Register of Historic Monuments, the Record of Monuments and Places, and the placing of Preservation Orders and Temporary Preservation Orders on endangered sites.

### **Ownership and Guardianship of National Monuments**

The Minister may acquire national monuments by agreement or by compulsory order. The state or local authority may assume guardianship of any national monument (other than dwellings). The owners of national monuments (other than dwellings) may also appoint the Minister or the local authority as guardian of that monument if the state or local authority agrees. Once the site is in ownership or guardianship of the state, it may not be interfered with without the written consent of the Minister.

### **Register of Historic Monuments**

Section 5 of the 1987 Act requires the Minister to establish and maintain a Register of Historic Monuments. Historic monuments and archaeological areas present on the register are afforded statutory protection under the 1987 Act. Any interference with sites recorded on the register is illegal without the permission of the Minister. Two months' notice in writing is required prior to any work being undertaken on or in the vicinity of a registered monument. The register also includes sites under Preservation Orders and Temporary Preservation Orders. All registered monuments are included in the Record of Monuments and Places.

### **Preservation Orders and Temporary Preservation Orders**

Sites deemed to be in danger of injury or destruction can be allocated Preservation Orders under the 1930 Act. Preservation Orders make any interference with the site illegal. Temporary Preservation Orders can be attached under the 1954 Act. These perform the same function as a Preservation Order but have a time limit of six months, after which the situation must be reviewed. Work may only be undertaken on or in the vicinity of sites under Preservation Orders with the written consent, and at the discretion, of the Minister.

### **Record of Monuments and Places**

Section 12(1) of the 1994 Act requires the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands (now the Minister for the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage) to establish and maintain a record of monuments and places where the Minister believes that such monuments exist. The record comprises a list of monuments and relevant places and a map/s showing each monument and relevant place in respect of each county in the state. All sites recorded on the Record of Monuments and Places

receive statutory protection under the National Monuments Act 1994. All recorded monuments on the proposed development site are represented on the accompanying maps.

Section 12(3) of the 1994 Act provides that 'where the owner or occupier (other than the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands) of a monument or place included in the Record, or any other person, proposes to carry out, or to cause or permit the carrying out of, any work at or in relation to such a monument or place, he or she shall give notice in writing to the Minister of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands to carry out work and shall not, except in case of urgent necessity and with the consent of the Minister, commence the work until two months after giving of notice'.

Under the National Monuments (Amendment) Act 2004, anyone who demolishes or in any way interferes with a recorded site is liable to a fine not exceeding €3,000 or imprisonment for up to 6 months. On summary conviction and on conviction of indictment, a fine not exceeding €10,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years is the penalty. In addition, they are liable for costs for the repair of the damage caused.

In addition to this, under the European Communities (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 1989, Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) are required for various classes and sizes of development project to assess the impact the proposed development will have on the existing environment, which includes the cultural, archaeological and built heritage resources. These document's recommendations are typically incorporated into the conditions under which the proposed development must proceed, and thus offer an additional layer of protection for monuments which have not been listed on the RMP.

#### **Louth County Development Plan, 2021-2027**

It is a policy of the plan:

**BHC 1** To protect and enhance archaeological sites and monuments, underwater archaeology, and archaeological objects listed in the Record of Monuments and Places (RMP), and/or the Register of Historic Monuments and seek their preservation (i.e. presumption in favour of preservation in situ or in exceptional cases, at a minimum, preservation by record) through the planning process and having regard to the advice and recommendations of the National Monuments Service of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the principles as set out in the 'Framework and Principles for the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage' (Department of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands 1999).

**BHC 2** To protect the built heritage assets of the county and ensure they are managed and preserved in a manner that does not adversely impact on the intrinsic value of these assets whilst supporting economic renewal and sustainable development.

**BHC 3** To protect known and unknown archaeological areas, sites, monuments, structures and objects, having regard to the advice of the National Monuments Services of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

**BHC 4** To promote awareness and knowledge of the archaeological resources of the County and support initiatives where appropriate that provide better access to the historic built environment.

**BHC 5** To protect all sites and features of archaeological interest discovered subsequent to the publication of the Record of Monuments and Places (i.e. preservation in situ or in exceptional circumstances, at a minimum preservation by record) having regard to the advice and recommendations of the National Monuments Section of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

**BHC 6** To ensure any development, either above or below ground, adjacent to or in the immediate vicinity of a recorded monument or a Zone of Archaeological Potential (including formerly walled towns) shall not be detrimental to or detract from the character of the archaeological site or its setting and be sited and designed to protect the monument and its setting. Where upstanding remains exist, a visual impact assessment may be required.

**BHC 7** To require applicants seeking permission for development within Zones of Archaeological Potential and other sites as listed in the Record of Monuments and Places to include an assessment of the likely archaeological potential as part of the planning application and the Council may require that an on-site

archaeological assessment is carried out by trial work, prior to a decision on a planning application being taken.

BHC 8 To protect and preserve in situ all surviving elements of medieval town defences (both upstanding and buried) and associated features in accordance with the Conservation and Management Plans as applicable and with 'National Policy on Town Defences' (Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government 2008).

BHC 9 To retain the surviving medieval street pattern, building lines and burgage plot widths in historic walled towns.

BHC 10 To require, as part of the development management process, archaeological impact assessments, geophysical surveys, test excavations and monitoring, as appropriate, where development proposals involve ground clearance of more than half a hectare or for linear developments over one kilometre in length or for developments in proximity to areas with a density of known archaeological monuments and history of discovery, as identified by a licensed archaeologist.

#### **Dundalk Local Area Plan (2025 – 2031)**

CH 19 To protect known and unknown archaeological areas, sites, monuments, structures and objects, having regard to the advice of the National Monuments Services of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage including the guidance and principles set out in 'The Framework and Principles for the Protection of Archaeological Heritage' (1999).

CH 20 To protect the archaeological assets of Dundalk and ensure they are managed and preserved in a manner that does not adversely impact on the intrinsic value of these assets whilst supporting economic renewal, tourism and sustainable development.

CH 21 To require applicants seeking Planning Permission to utilise a licensed archaeologist, as required, to undertake archaeological impact assessments, geophysical surveys, test excavations and monitoring.

## **APPENDIX 17.4 LEGISLATION PROTECTING THE ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCE**

The main laws protecting built heritage are the Architectural Heritage (National Inventory) and National Monuments (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1999 and the Planning and Development Act, 2024. The Architectural Heritage Act requires the Minister to establish a survey to identify, record and assess the architectural heritage of the country. The background to this legislation derives from Article 2 of the 1985 Convention for the Protection of Architectural Heritage (Granada Convention). This states that for the purpose of precise identification of the monuments, groups of structures and sites to be protected, each member state will undertake to maintain inventories of that architectural heritage.

The National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) was established in 1990 to fulfil Ireland's obligation under the Granada Convention, through the establishment and maintenance of a central record, documenting and evaluating the architecture of Ireland (NIAH 2024, page 3). As inclusion in the inventory does not provide statutory protection, the survey information is used in conjunction with the Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines for Planning Authorities to advise local authorities on compilation of a Record of Protected Structures as required by the Planning and Development Act, 2024.

### **PROTECTION UNDER THE RECORD OF PROTECTED STRUCTURES AND COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Structures of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest can be protected under the Planning and Development Act, 2024.

The Act states that 'A planning authority shall prepare and maintain a record of every structure, part of a structure and specified feature within the attendant grounds of a structure within its functional area that, in the opinion of the planning authority, forms part of the architectural heritage of the area and is of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest'.

At any time after preparing a record of protected structures under section 306, a planning authority may (a) add a structure, a specified part of a structure or a specified feature within the attendant grounds of a structure to the record of protected structures where the authority considers the structure, the part, or the feature, as the case may be, to be of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest or value (b) delete a structure, a specified part of a structure or a specified feature within the attendant grounds of a structure from the record of protected structures where the authority considers that the protection of the structure, part or feature, as the case may be, is no longer warranted.

### **ARCHAEOLOGICAL**

It is to be noted that the NIAH is biased towards post-1700 structures. Structures that have archaeological features may be recorded, providing the archaeological features are incorporated within post-1700 elements. Industrial fabric is considered to have technical significance and should only be attributed archaeological significance if the structure has pre-1700 features.

### **ARCHAEOLOGICAL**

Archaeological interest is essentially defined by the degree to which material remains can contribute to our understanding of any period or set of social conditions in the past. Structures can have the characteristics of both architectural and archaeological interest as these are not mutually exclusive. The standing walls of a sixteenth-century tower house will have both characteristics of interest. The party walls or basements of houses of late appearance may contain medieval fabric and reveal information of archaeological interest. Fragments of early fabric, including carved or worked stone, may have been reused in later buildings giving these structures archaeological interest. A complex of industrial buildings may have archaeological interest because of its potential to reveal artefacts and information about the evolution of industry that may be useful to archaeologists, historians and the general public.

## ARCHITECTURAL

The characteristics of architectural interest may be attributed to a structure or part of a structure with such qualities as the following:

- A generally agreed exemplar of good quality architectural design;
- The work of a known and distinguished architect, designer or engineer;
- An exemplar of a building type, plan form, style or styles of any period but also the harmonious interrelationship of differing styles within one structure;
- A structure which makes a positive contribution to its setting, such as a group of structures or a streetscape in an urban area, or the landscape in a rural area;
- A structure with an interior that is well designed, rich in decoration, complex or spatially pleasing.

## HISTORICAL

The notion of historical interest underpins a general belief that it is worthwhile to conserve and preserve information, sites and structures from past centuries. The level of importance of the historical connection and its relationship to the existing fabric of the structure should be assessed. The historical interest relating to a structure or parts of a structure may be identified in various ways.:

- A structure may have historical interest as the location of an important event that occurred in or is associated with it. It may have historical interest in its association with a historic personality. Some associations or events may be so important that the structure retains its significance regardless of subsequent alteration;
- A structure may have influenced, or been influenced by, a historic figure. Important people may have lived in the structure or have been otherwise associated with it, e.g. its architect, builder or patron. Places in which evidence of an association with a person survive in situ, or in which the settings are substantially intact, are of greater significance than those which are much changed or in which much evidence does not survive;
- Historical interest can be attributed where light is thrown on the character of a past age by virtue of the structure's design, location, materials or original use;
- A structure may be a memorial to a past event;
- A structure itself may be an example of the effects of change over time. The design and fabric of the structure may contain evidence of its former use or symbolic meaning. This may be the case with former churches or gaols that have since changed and, in so doing, illustrate a historic development;
- Some features and fixtures may survive, e.g. in consistory courts and courts of law, that are important evidence of former legal or liturgical practice and may have special historical interest for that reason;
- Some unusual structures may have historical or socio-historical interest, e.g. early electricity substations, "Emergency"-era lookout posts or sentry boxes. Although not yet of popular heritage significance, such structures can nonetheless have special historical and social interest;
- Special historical interest may exist because of the rarity of a structure. Either few structures of an identifiable type were built at a particular time or few have survived. In either case, the extant structure may be one of the few representative examples of its time that still exists in a local, regional or national context. The rarity of surviving examples of a building type can ensure that special historical interest accrues to them.

## TECHNICAL

Technical interest in a structure relates to the art of the structural engineer in devising solutions to problems of spanning space and weatherproofing enclosures. It may be found in structures which are important examples of innovative, unusual or virtuoso engineering design or use of materials. A structure may be of technical interest for one or more of the following reasons:

- It displays engineering or structural innovation in its construction or design such as the use of cast- or wrought iron prefabrication or the early use of concrete;
- It is the work of a distinguished engineer;
- It is an exemplar of the engineering design practice of its time. For example, a bridge may be a masonry arch, an iron suspension or a concrete span;
- It displays technically innovative or unusual construction materials, such as early examples of Coade stone, cement plank cladding or glazed curtain walling;
- It contains innovative mechanical fixtures, machinery or plant or industrial heritage artefacts that describe the character of production processes. The specifically industrial aspect of some sites like mills, mill ponds or mines can often have a technical interest;
- Technical interest can be ascribed to the innovative engineering qualities of structure, as distinct from the building's appropriateness for use or its appearance.

## CULTURAL

The characteristic of cultural interest permeates architectural heritage and can, in the broadest terms, include aesthetic, economic, historic, scientific or social values of past and present generations. Special cultural interest apply to:

- Those structures to which the Granada Convention refers as 'more modest works
- of the past that have acquired cultural significance with the passing of time';
- Structures that have cinematic or literary associations;
- Other structures that illustrate the development of society, such as early libraries, print works, schoolhouses or swimming baths.

## SCIENTIFIC

The scientific interest, or research value, of a structure will depend on the importance of the data involved and on its quality and/or rarity. Its scientific interest should also be assessed as to how well it represents the area of research in question and the degree to which the structure may contribute further objective information. For example:

- The results of scientific research may be seen in the execution of the structure;
- The materials used in the structure may have the potential to contribute to scientific research, e.g. extinct plant or pollen species preserved in the base layers of ancient thatch roofs;
- The structure may be associated with scientific research that has left its mark on the place, e.g. early Ordnance Survey benchmarks carved into stone work.

## SOCIAL

The characteristic of social interest embraces those qualities for which a structure, a complex or an area has become a focus of political, spiritual, symbolic or other sentiment to any group of people. A community may have an attachment to a place because it is an essential reference point for that community's identity, whether as a meeting place or a place of ceremony, ritual or tradition. The configuration, disposition or layout of a space or group of structures, where they facilitate behaviour that would otherwise be difficult or impossible, may be of social interest. For example:

- The features and fixtures that testify to community involvement in the creation of a structure, or have a spatial form or layout indicating community involvement in the use of a structure, could include such elements as memorials, stained glass or statues;
- A structure may display vernacular traditions of construction and may be in a group or setting which illustrates the social organisation of the inhabitants. Most obviously this would include thatched houses. In vernacular buildings, elements of the plan form – direct entry, lobby entry, opposing doors, outshots, etc. – and/or the roofing material may be distinctive and have special social interest;
- Types of decoration may have social as well as artistic interest, such as shell houses or the local manifestation of exuberant or astylar stucco decoration where it is particular to a region or town;
- A social interest could also be attributed to structures illustrating the social philosophy of a past age, as in the case of philanthropic and social housing developments. Structures which illustrate a particular lifestyle or social condition, e.g. holy wells, are to be found in many parts of the country.

#### ARTISTIC

Special artistic interest may be attributed to a structure itself, or to a part of a structure, for its craftsmanship, decoration or design. Examples could include:

- Decoratively carved sculpture or statuary that is part of an architectural composition;
- Ceramic, faience or mosaic tiled or decoratively carved timber shopfronts;
- Fittings and fixtures including chimneypieces, chandeliers or sconces, staircases and wainscoting;
- Decorative plasterwork ceilings;
- Religious art in a place of worship including stained glass or Stations of the Cross;
- Funerary monuments within a graveyard;
- Decorative cast- or wrought iron gates or railings;
- The relationship of materials to each other, and to the totality of the building in which they are situated, if these have been designed as an ensemble.

(From the NIAH Handbook 2024 pages 15–17)

#### **Louth County Development Plan (2021-2027)**

##### Policy Objectives

BHC 20 To ensure that any development, modification, alteration, or extension affecting a protected structure and / or its setting is sensitively sited and designed, is compatible with the special character and is appropriate in terms of the proposed scale, mass, density, layout, and materials of the protected structure.

BHC 21 The form and structural integrity of the protected structure and its setting shall be retained and the relationship between the protected structure, its curtilage and any complex of adjoining buildings, designed landscape features, designed views or vistas from or to the structure shall be protected.

BHC 22 To prohibit inappropriate development within the curtilage and/or attendant grounds of a protected structure. Any proposed development within the curtilage and/or attendant grounds must demonstrate that it is part of an overall strategy for the future conservation of the entire complex including the structures, demesne and/or attendant grounds.

BHC 23 To require that all planning applications relating to protected structures contain the appropriate documentation as described in the Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines for Planning Authorities

(2011) or any subsequent guidelines, to enable a proper assessment of the proposed works and their impact on the structure or area.

BHC 24 To require the retention of original features such as windows, doors, renders, roof coverings, and other significant features which contribute to the character of protected structures and encourage the reinstatement of appropriately detailed features which have been lost, to restore the character of protected structures as part of development proposals.

BHC 25 To promote best conservation practice and the use of skilled specialist practitioners in the conservation of and for any works to protected structures.

BHC 26 To encourage the retention, sympathetic reuse and rehabilitation of protected structures and their settings where appropriate and where the proposal is compatible with their character and significance. In certain cases, development management guidelines may be relaxed in order to secure the conservation of the protected structure and architectural features of special interest.

BHC 27 To permit the demolition or significant modification of a protected structure, only in exceptional circumstances.

BHC 28 To ensure the protection of architectural features of special interest as part of any proposed re-development where there is conflict with other development plan requirements such as open space, car parking etc.

BHC 29 To review and update the Record of Protected Structures on an ongoing basis and to make additions and deletions as appropriate.

BHC 30 To seek funding streams for specific priority projects and to assist owners with the repair and conservation of protected structures and aim to make the structure climate resilient.

#### **Dundalk Local Area Plan (2025 – 2031)**

CH 22 To preserve, enhance and promote the reuse of buildings identified in the Record of Protected Structures and National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) and to carefully consider any proposals for development that would affect the special value of such structures, including their historic character. Such proposals will include Architectural Heritage Impact Statements and Conservation Methodology Statements.

CH 23 To address dereliction and vacancy by encouraging and supporting creative approaches to adaptive reuse, which adhere to conservation principles and practice.

CH 24 Policy Objective To require that all development proposals within or affecting an Architectural Conservation Area preserve or enhance the character and appearance of that area, protect architectural features of special interest and ensure that the design respects the character of the historic architecture in terms of height, scale, layout and materials. Development proposals should not adversely impact upon views into or from an Architectural Conservation Area.

CH 25 Policy Objectives To promote, where feasible, the protection, retention, sympathetic maintenance and appropriate revitalisation and use of Dundalk's vernacular buildings and heritage, which contribute to the streetscape and to discourage the demolition of these structures.

CH 26 To encourage the re-use and adaption of existing historic buildings, both designated and non-designated, in a manner compatible with their character, and which enhances their vernacular heritage or contribution to the ACA within which they are located.

CH 27 Policy Objective To recognise the unique characteristics of the 'Dundalk Style' of architecture and the contribution it makes to the built heritage of the town.

## **APPENDIX 17.6      IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND THE CULTURAL HERITAGE RESOURCE**

### **POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL REMAINS**

Impacts are defined as ‘the degree of change in an environment resulting from a development’ (Environmental Protection Agency 2022). They are described as profound, significant or slight impacts on archaeological remains. They may be negative, positive or neutral, direct, indirect or cumulative, temporary or permanent.

Impacts can be identified from detailed information about a project, the nature of the area affected and the range of archaeological and historical resources potentially affected. Development can affect the archaeological and historical resource of a given landscape in a number of ways.

- Permanent and temporary land-take, associated structures, landscape mounding, and their construction may result in damage to or loss of archaeological remains and deposits, or physical loss to the setting of historic monuments and to the physical coherence of the landscape.
- Archaeological sites can be affected adversely in a number of ways: disturbance by excavation, topsoil stripping and the passage of heavy machinery; disturbance by vehicles working in unsuitable conditions; or burial of sites, limiting accessibility for future archaeological investigation.
- Hydrological changes in groundwater or surface water levels can result from construction activities such as de-watering and spoil disposal, or longer-term changes in drainage patterns. These may desiccate archaeological remains and associated deposits.
- Visual impacts on the historic landscape sometimes arise from construction traffic and facilities, built earthworks and structures, landscape mounding and planting, noise, fences and associated works. These features can impinge directly on historic monuments and historic landscape elements as well as their visual amenity value.
- Landscape measures such as tree planting can damage sub-surface archaeological features, due to topsoil stripping and through the root action of trees and shrubs as they grow.
- Ground consolidation by construction activities or the weight of permanent embankments can cause damage to buried archaeological remains, especially in colluviums or peat deposits.
- Disruption due to construction also offers in general the potential for adversely affecting archaeological remains. This can include machinery, site offices, and service trenches.

Although not widely appreciated, positive impacts can accrue from developments. These can include positive resource management policies, improved maintenance and access to archaeological monuments, and the increased level of knowledge of a site or historic landscape as a result of archaeological assessment and fieldwork.

### **PREDICTED IMPACTS**

The severity of a given level of land-take or visual intrusion varies with the type of monument, site or landscape features and its existing environment. Severity of impact can be judged taking the following into account:

- The proportion of the feature affected and how far physical characteristics fundamental to the understanding of the feature would be lost;
- Consideration of the type, date, survival/condition, fragility/vulnerability, rarity, potential and amenity value of the feature affected;
- Assessment of the levels of noise, visual and hydrological impacts, either in general or site-specific terms, as may be provided by other specialists.

## **APPENDIX 17.7      MITIGATION MEASURES AND THE CULTURAL HERITAGE RESOURCE**

### **POTENTIAL MITIGATION STRATEGIES FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE REMAINS**

Mitigation is defined as features of the design or other measures of the proposed development that can be adopted to avoid, prevent, reduce or offset negative effects.

The best opportunities for avoiding damage to archaeological remains or intrusion on their setting and amenity arise when the site options for the development are being considered. Damage to the archaeological resource immediately adjacent to developments may be prevented by the selection of appropriate construction methods. Reducing adverse effects can be achieved by good design, for example by screening historic buildings or upstanding archaeological monuments or by burying archaeological sites undisturbed rather than destroying them. Offsetting adverse effects is probably best illustrated by the full investigation and recording of archaeological sites that cannot be preserved in situ.

### **DEFINITION OF MITIGATION STRATEGIES**

#### **ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCE**

The ideal mitigation for all archaeological sites is preservation in situ. This is not always a practical solution, however. Therefore, a series of recommendations are offered to provide ameliorative measures where avoidance and preservation in situ are not possible.

*Archaeological Test Trenching* can be defined as ‘a limited programme of intrusive fieldwork which determines the presence or absence of archaeological features, structures, deposits, artefacts or ecofacts within a specified area or site on land, inter-tidal zone or underwater. If such archaeological remains are present field evaluation defines their character, extent, quality and preservation, and enables an assessment of their worth in a local, regional, national or international context as appropriate’ (CIfA 2020a).

*Full Archaeological Excavation* can be defined as ‘a programme of controlled, intrusive fieldwork with defined research objectives which examines, records and interprets archaeological deposits, features and structures and, as appropriate, retrieves artefacts, ecofacts and other remains within a specified area or site on land, inter-tidal zone or underwater. The records made and objects gathered during fieldwork are studied and the results of that study published in detail appropriate to the project design’ (CIfA 2020b).

*Archaeological Monitoring* can be defined as ‘a formal programme of observation and investigation conducted during any operation carried out for non-archaeological reasons. This will be within a specified area or site on land, inter-tidal zone or underwater, where there is a possibility that archaeological deposits may be disturbed or destroyed. The programme will result in the preparation of a report and ordered archive (CIfA 2020c).

*Underwater Archaeological Assessment* consists of a programme of works carried out by a specialist underwater archaeologist, which can involve wade surveys, metal detection surveys and the excavation of test pits within the sea or riverbed. These assessments are able to access and assess the potential of an underwater environment to a much higher degree than terrestrial based assessments.

#### **ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCE**

The architectural resource is generally subject to a greater degree of change than archaeological sites, as structures may survive for many years but their usage may change continually. This can be reflected in the fabric of the building, with the addition and removal of doors, windows and extensions. Due to their often more visible presence within the landscape than archaeological sites, the removal of such structures can sometimes leave a discernable ‘gap’ with the cultural identity of a population. However, a number of mitigation measures are available to ensure a record is made of any structure that is deemed to be of special interest, which may be removed or altered as part of a proposed development.

*Conservation Assessment* consists of a detailed study of the history of a building and can include the surveying of elevations to define the exact condition of the structure. These assessments are carried out by Conservation Architects and would commonly be carried out in association with proposed alterations or renovations on a Recorded Structure.

*Building Survey* may involve making an accurate record of elevations (internal and external), internal floor plans and external sections. This is carried out using an EDM (Electronic Distance Measurer) and GPS technology to create scaled drawings that provide a full record of the appearance of a building at the time of the survey.

*Historic Building Assessment* is generally specific to one building, which may have historic significance, but is not a Protected Structure or listed within the NIAH. A full historical background for the structure is researched and the site is visited to assess the standing remains and make a record of any architectural features of special interest. These assessments can also be carried out in conjunction with a building survey.

*Written and Photographic* record provides a basic record of features such as stone walls, which may have a small amount of cultural heritage importance and are recorded for prosperity. Dimensions of the feature are recorded with a written description and photographs as well as some cartographic reference, which may help to date a feature.