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Attached please find the observations/recommendations of the Department in relation to the aforementioned Strategic Infrastructure Development application for the proposed Shannon Technology and Energy Park in the townlands of Kilcolgan Lower and Ralappane, Ballylongford, County Kerry.

Can you please confirm receipt of same?

Kind Regards,  
Sinéad

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**Sinéad O' Brien**  
Executive Officer

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Your Ref: ABP-322568-25

Our Ref: **SID-KY Shannon Technology Park**  
(Please quote in all related correspondence)

22 September 2025

The Secretary  
An Coimisiún Pleanála  
64 Marlborough Street  
Dublin 1  
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Via email to [laps@pleanala.ie](mailto:laps@pleanala.ie)

Re: Notification under the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

**Proposed Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID): 10 year permission for the proposed Shannon Technology and Energy Park consisting of power plant, battery energy storage system, floating storage and regasification unit, jetty, onshore recovering facilities, above ground installation and all ancillary structures/works in the townlands of Kilcolgan Lower and Ralappane, Ballylongford, County Kerry**

A Chara

I refer to the Response to the Request for Further Information, regarding the above proposed development, issued by McCann FitzGerald to An Coimisiún Pleanála on 1 August 2025.

Outlined below are heritage-related observations/recommendations of the Department under the stated headings.

### **Archaeology**

The Department requests that its initial archaeological observations/recommendations of the Department in relation to this Strategic Infrastructure Development are still taken into consideration at this stage of the process.

### **Nature Conservation**

The proposed development of the power plant, Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) terminal, and associated works near Ballylongford, County Kerry is within and adjacent to the Lower River Shannon Special Area of Conservation (SAC) (Site Code: 002165). The Department refers



An Coimisiún to S.I. No. 328 of 2023<sup>1</sup>, which completes the formal description of the Lower River Shannon SAC.

The proposed development has also the potential to affect strictly protected species to which Article 16 of the EU Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC) applies. The Department refers An Coimisiún to the judgement on 6 July 2023 of the Court of Justice of the European Union in Case C-166/22<sup>2</sup>, and, in particular, to the requirement that a derogation must be obtained before development consent is given.

The Department also refers An Coimisiún to previous submissions from this Department in relation to this proposed development (ABP ref. 311233-21) dated 19 October 2021 and 10 October 2022. It is understood by this Department that the description and location of the proposed development have not significantly changed. Nor have the protection status of the habitats and species potentially affected by it significantly changed. As the Further Information relates to energy policy, the Department has no further observations relating to nature conservation.

You are requested to send any further communications to this Department's Development Applications Unit (DAU) at [manager.dau@npws.gov.ie](mailto:manager.dau@npws.gov.ie), or to the following address:

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<sup>1</sup> European Union Habitats (Lower River Shannon Special Area of Conservation 002165) Regulations 2023. <https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2023/si/328/made/en/print>

<sup>2</sup> *Hellfire Massey Residents Association vs. An Bord Pleanála and others.*  
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:62022CJ0166>