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Please find attached Archaeological recommendations for the above mentioned application.

Regards  
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**Your Ref: ABP-313909-22**

Planning Ref: Gort substitute consent  
(Please quote in all related correspondence)

30 August 2022

The Secretary  
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Via email to [bord@pleanala.ie](mailto:bord@pleanala.ie)

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

**Substitute Consent: Galway County Council: John Madden and Sons Limited:  
Application for substitute consent for previous development at the site to regularise  
the planning status of the rewilding area of the former quarry land.: Ballysheedy, Gort,  
Co Galway**

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I refer to correspondence in connection with the above.

Outlined below are heritage-related observations/recommendations co-ordinated by the Development Applications Unit under the stated headings

### **Archaeology**

It is noted that the Remedial EIAR submitted as part of the planning application includes a desk-based Archaeological Impact Assessment was carried out in relation to the proposed development by Richard Crumlish Consultant Archaeologist (Remedial EIAR Chapter 10; date 22 June 2022).

As outlined in that chapter RMP GA128-021---- (Ringfort - cashel) is located within the proposed development site (PDS). This is a Recorded Monument and subject to statutory protection in the Record of Monuments and Places established under Section 12 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act 1930-2014. Review of field survey records, cartographic sources and aerial photography indicates that this was a site with upstanding remains prior to the commencement of any quarrying operations (i.e. prior to 1994). Chapter 10 of the Remedial EIAR (see page 113) cites an inspection of the site from 2005 that



describes the site as still partially extant with identifiable upstanding remains at that time. This chapter notes that the site is now no longer extant and that this has been confirmed by field inspection carried out to inform the Remedial EIAR.

The previous quarrying operations for which Substitute Consent is applied have clearly had a direct, permanent and negative impact on the Recorded Monument. This is not explicitly stated or properly acknowledged within the Remedial EIAR. The Remedial EIAR simply notes that the site is no longer extant and that the portion of the site still surviving in 2005 was 'removed subsequently'. It does not acknowledge the direct relationship between quarrying works at the site, in particular during the period post-2005, and the removal of the Recorded Monument.

Therefore, the National Monuments Service (NMS), Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage advises that, in order to address this deficiency, the Remedial EIAR must be revised and updated so that the impact of the previous quarrying operations to the Recorded Monument is explicitly addressed and acknowledged.

**Reason:** To ensure the continued preservation (either *in situ* or by record) of places, caves, sites, features or other objects of archaeological interest.

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

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