

**Planning Ref:** Part 8 23-C-06 (*Please quote in all related correspondence*)

29 January 2024

Director of Services – Planning Leitrim County Council Áras an Chontae Carrick on Shannon Co. Leitrim

Via email: <u>planning@leitrimcoco.ie</u>

Re: Notification under Article 28 (Part 4) or Article 82 (Part 8) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended.

**Proposed Development:** Part 8 planning application 23-C-06, Glenfarne Wood Project in the Townlands of Brockagh Lower, Moneyduff, Annagh, Laghty, Ardmoneen and Carrickrevagh, County Leitrim.

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I refer to correspondence received in connection with the above. Outlined below are heritage-related observations/recommendations co-ordinated by the Development Applications Unit under the stated headings.

## <u>Archaeology</u>

It is noted that an archaeological assessment report has been submitted as part of the Part 8 application.

The proposed development is large in scale and is situated in an area where there are a high density of Recorded Monuments which are subject to statutory protection in the Record of Monuments and Places, established under section 12 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act 1930-2004.

Given the location and the scale of the development it is possible that archaeological remains could be encountered during the construction phases that involve ground disturbance. Therefore this Department recommends that a full program of licenced archaeological pre-development testing should be carried out in all areas of the proposed development.

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## Pre-development testing shall consist of the following:

- 1. The applicant is required to engage the services of a suitably qualified archaeologist (licensed under the National Monuments Acts 1930–2004) to carry out pre-development testing at the site. No sub-surface work shall be undertaken in the absence of the archaeologist without his/her express consent.
- 2. The archaeologist is required to notify the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in writing at least four weeks prior to the commencement of site preparations. This will allow the archaeologist sufficient time to obtain a licence to carry out the work.
- 3. The archaeologist shall carry out any relevant documentary research and may excavate test trenches at locations chosen by the archaeologist, having consulted the proposed development plans.
- 4. Having completed the work, the archaeologist shall submit a written report to the Planning Authority and to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- 5. Where archaeological material is shown to be present, avoidance, preservation in situ, preservation by record (excavation) and/or monitoring may be required, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage will advise the Applicant/Developer with regard to these matters.
- 6. No site preparation or construction work shall be carried out until after the archaeologist's report has been submitted and permission to proceed has been received in writing from the Planning Authority in consultation with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- **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 further communications to this Department's Development Applications Unit (DAU) at <u>referrals@housing.gov.ie</u> where used, or to the following address:

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