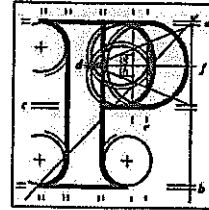


Our Case Number: ABP-317767-23



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Development Application Unit
C/O The Manager
Government Offices
Newtown Road
Wexford
Co. Wexford
Y35 AP90

Date: 28 September 2023

Re: Proposed construction of 39 residential units, widening of Pausdeen Bridge and all associated site works.
Newtown/Ardclough Road, Newtown, Celbridge, Co. Kildare.

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

Please note that the proposed development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it with or without modifications.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board at laps@pleanala.ie

Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Eimear Reilly
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Lauren Griffin

From: LAPS
Sent: Thursday 28 September 2023 12:57
To: Manager.DAU@npws.gov.ie
Subject: RE: Your Ref: ABP-317767-23 Our Ref: 177AE Ardclough Road

A Chara,

We acknowledge receipt of your email; official acknowledgement of your submission will issue in due course.

Kind Regards,

Lauren Griffin

From: SIDS <sids@pleanala.ie>
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2023 10:39 AM
To: LAPS <laps@pleanala.ie>
Cc: Eimear Reilly <e.reilly@pleanala.ie>
Subject: FW: Your Ref: ABP-317767-23 Our Ref: 177AE Ardclough Road

From: Housing Manager DAU <Manager.DAU@npws.gov.ie>
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2023 10:21 AM
To: SIDS <sids@pleanala.ie>
Subject: Your Ref: ABP-317767-23 Our Ref: 177AE Ardclough Road

A Chara,

Attached please find the archaeological observations/recommendations of the Department in relation to the Section 177AE Planning Application for the proposed construction of 39 residential units, widening of Pausdeen Bridge and all associated site works at Newtown/Ardclough Road, Newtown, Celbridge, County Kildare.

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-317767-23
Our Ref: 177AE Ardclough Road
(Please quote in all related correspondence)

28 September 2023

The Secretary
An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
Dublin 1
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Via email to sids@pleanala.ie

Re: Notification under Section 177AE (4) (a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended (as inserted by Section 57 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010.

Re: Section 177AE application by Kildare County Council for proposed construction of 39 residential units, widening of Pausdeen Bridge and all associated site works at Newtown/Ardclough Road, Newtown, Celbridge, County Kildare.

A Chara

I refer to correspondence received in connection with the above.

Outlined below are archaeological observations/recommendations co-ordinated by the Development Applications Unit.

The Department has reviewed the documents submitted in support of this application. These include the following prepared by Archer Heritage Planning Ltd:

- A desk-based Archaeological Impact Assessment report (dated June 2021)
- An Archaeological Geophysical Survey (Magnetic Gradiometry) report (dated February 2022, Consent No. 22R0042)
- An Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA), including the results of test excavations (dated May 2022, Licence No. 22E0267).

The Department acknowledges the findings of the geophysical survey and subsequent archaeological test excavations, noting that several features of possible archaeological significance were identified and confirmed as archaeological. The Department broadly concurs with the impact statement and recommendations set out in the AIA report (sections 6 & 7)



Therefore, the Department advises that preservation by record (archaeological excavation) of these identified features be required as a condition of any grant of planning that may issue. Thereafter, archaeological monitoring, as described below, should be included as a condition of any grant of planning that may issue. Note these recommended conditions align with Sample Condition C.4 as set out in *OPR Practice Note PN03: Planning Conditions* (October 2022), with appropriate site-specific additions/adaptations based on the particular characteristics of this development and informed by the findings of the Geophysical Survey and AIA reports.

It is strongly advised that the wording of the below conditions be retained in order to ensure that appropriate archaeological mitigation is carried out at this site in advance of development. All aspects of Part 1 of the archaeological condition must be fully completed in advance of commencement of construction works in order to facilitate further archaeological mitigation should additional features be uncovered.

1. Archaeological Requirements – Preservation by Record (Excavation)

- a. The applicant is required to employ a suitably qualified Archaeologist (licensed under the National Monuments Acts) to carry out the following on the site. Note 3-4 weeks should be allowed to facilitate processing and approval of the required Archaeological Licence and Method Statement. No groundworks shall take place within the proposed development site (PDS) in the absence of the archaeologist and advance written notice regarding the commencement of works on this site shall be submitted to the Planning Authority and to the Department.
- b. All archaeological features which cannot be preserved *in situ* shall be fully archaeologically excavated according to best archaeological principles and practice. Strategies for environmental sampling, finds retrieval/conservation and subsequent dissemination and publication of results shall be submitted to the Department as part of the licence application and associated Method Statement. A request to reactivate the existing Licence (22E0267) may be made to the National Monuments Service for these works. An appropriate timeframe shall be applied to allow for possible delays/constraints arising where the discovery of additional archaeological remains is made.
- c. The developer shall facilitate topsoil stripping, under direction of the Archaeologist and using suitable methodologies, of an appropriate area surrounding the identified archaeological remains. This is to ensure that the full nature and extent of the archaeology within the Proposed Development Site is established prior to excavation.
- d. If significant additional archaeological features are discovered during the course of archaeological excavation, work on site may be suspended pending further advice from the Planning Authority, in consultation with the Department. Please note that this may result in redesign to allow for preservation *in situ* and/or additional excavation.



- e. Upon completion of the above, and submission of an Archaeological Report detailing the excavation of the archaeological features, all other works on site shall be archaeologically monitored as outlined below (Please note that further topsoil stripping and required monitoring of same may only be carried out upon completion of the above excavation works and submission of the resultant report to the Planning Authority and to the Department for review.)

2. Archaeological Requirements - Monitoring

- a. The developer shall retain/engage a suitably qualified Archaeologist to monitor (licensed as above) all remaining site clearance works, topsoil stripping, groundworks and/or the implementation of agreed preservation *in situ* measures associated with the development. The use of appropriate machinery to ensure the preservation and recording of any surviving archaeological remains shall be necessary. No ground disturbance shall take place in the absence of the Archaeologist without his/her express consent.
- b. The full extent of the footprint of the proposed development area shall be topsoil stripped under strict archaeological supervision. This shall include all areas indicated on the site layout and service drawings provided in the planning application (Drawing No's. 210303-03-003, 11162-2004, 11162-2010, 11162-2020, 11162-2030, etc.).
- c. Should archaeological remains be identified during the course of archaeological monitoring, works shall be suspended in the area of archaeological interest pending a decision of the Planning Authority, in consultation with the Department, regarding appropriate mitigation (preservation *in situ* / excavation).
- d. The developer shall facilitate the archaeologist in recording any remains identified. Any further archaeological mitigation requirements specified by the Planning Authority, following consultation with the Department, shall be complied with by the developer.
- e. Following the completion of all archaeological work on site and any necessary post-excavation specialist analysis, the Planning Authority and the Department shall be furnished with a final archaeological report describing the results of the monitoring and any subsequent archaeological investigative work/excavation required. All resulting and associated archaeological costs shall be borne by the developer.

Reason:

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



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

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Higher Executive Officer
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