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13th October 2022

Re: Planning Compliance submission Re Condition 10 Archaeology, Laois/Kilkenny
Project VA0015

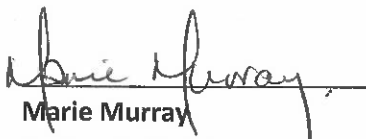
A Chara

I write further to your letter of the 12th September 2022 regarding the above matter. I note you refer to the enclosure of an Archaeological Monitoring with respect to the construction of an Access Road to the approved 400/110Kv Substation Facility at Coolnaback which is being submitted in order to comply with the requirements of Condition 10 – Archaeology.

However, the information submitted is not the archaeological monitoring information as you refer.

Can you therefore please submit the information to allow the Planning Authority to consider.

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Marie Murray
Senior Staff Officer
Planning Section

Valerie O'Reilly

From: Nathan Smith
Sent: Thursday 6 October 2022 15:38
To: David O'Hara
Cc: Valerie O'Reilly
Subject: RE: Planning Compliance Submission re Condition 10 Archaeology Laois Kilkenny Project VA0015

David / Valerie

Having reviewed the submitted information, the attachment named "Access Road – Archaeological Monitoring Report May 2022" is our letter to the applicant, dated 12th May 2022.

I'd advise the response to the applicant should be as follows:

Dear Mr Allen

Re: Update in Relation to Discharge of Planning Permission Conditions for Laois Kilkenny Electricity Reinforcement Project – ABP Reg. Ref. VA0015

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Yours sincerely

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Nathan Smith
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Cc: Valerie O'Reilly <voreilly@laoiscoco.ie>
Subject: FW: Planning Compliance Submission re Condition 10 Archaeology Laois Kilkenny Project VA0015

Nathan,
Will you have look at this compliance please.
Regards

David

David O' Hara | A/Senior Planner | Planning Department

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From: Allen, Brendan (Engineering and Major Projects) <brendan.allen@esb.ie>

Sent: Monday 12 September 2022 12:25

To: David O'Hara <dohara@laoiscoco.ie>

Cc: Planning <planning@laoiscoco.ie>

Subject: Planning Compliance Submission re Condition 10 Archaeology Laois Kilkenny Project VA0015

David

Please find attached a planning compliance update in relation to condition 10 archaeology testing for the Coolnaback site as approved under ABP VA0015.

A hard copy will issue by post.

If you have any queries please contact me.

Regards,

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My location is One DAC and I typically work from there every Tuesday. Feel free to catch up with me in person/book in person meetings – otherwise you can reach me on Teams/e-mail and mobile.

An t-impeallacht? - Smaoinigh air sula bpriontáileann tú an r-phost seo.

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12th September 2022

Re: **Update in Relation to Discharge of Planning Permission Conditions for Laois
Kilkenny Electricity Reinforcement Project – ABP Reg. Ref. VA0015**

Dear David,

I refer to previous correspondence in relation to this matter, and in particular to the letter issued by ESB to Laois County Council (LCC) dated 22nd March 2022 in relation to upcoming works at that time consisting of completion of access road works. The works are now complete.

Attached to this letter is the Archaeological Monitoring with respect to the construction of an Access Road to the approved 400/110Kv Substation Facility at Coolnabacky which is being submitted in order to comply with the requirements of Condition 10 – Archaeology. ✓

All stripping of topsoil/ploughsoil onto the surface of the underlying archaeologically sterile subsoils was monitored. Monitoring of initial trial pit excavations was undertaken on 14th March 2022, with the main ground reduction works monitored, on a phased basis, from 4th April – 11th May 2022. The works generally required that the existing access track leading east from the R426 to the existing agricultural facility was widened along the southern extent; thereafter, the existing track to the substation area was widened along its northern extent, with some widening also along its southern extent near its easternmost end. No subsurface features of



archaeological interest were uncovered and no artefacts of archaeological/historical interest were recovered.

If you have any queries in relation to this submission please contact me on 086 8336990 or brendan.allen@esb.ie.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brendan Allen".

Brendan Allen

Planning Team Leader FIPI



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12th May 2022

Dear Mr Allen

Re **Planning Compliance Submission for Laois Kilkenny Electricity
Reinforcement Project – ABP Reg Ref. VA0015**

A Chara

We refer to your letter of the 30th March 2022 regarding the above project, where you reference conditions no. 9 and 10 of ABP Reg Ref VA0015. By way of reference these conditions read as follows:

9. Prior to commencement of development, and following consultation with the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, a methodology shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the relevant planning authority for the replacement of existing polesets that are situated in close proximity to existing archaeological features.

Reason: In the interest of the protection of archaeological features.

Planning Authority Assessment

The Planning Authority notes the conclusions of the report, the purpose of the condition is to submit a methodology to be agreed with the planning authority for the replacement of existing polesets that are situated in close proximity to existing archaeological features.

~~In this case within County Laois, there does not appear to be existing polesets being replaced, and therefore the compliance of this condition does not appear to be necessary for this part of the proposed development.~~

10. The undertaker shall facilitate the archaeological appraisal of the site and shall provide for the preservation, recording and protection of archaeological materials or features which may exist within the site. In this regard, the undertaker shall:-

(a) notify the planning authority in writing at least four weeks prior to the commencement of any site operation (including hydrological and geotechnical investigations) relating to the proposed development,

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(b) employ a suitably-qualified archaeologist prior to commencement of development. The archaeologist shall assess the site and monitor all site development works. The assessment shall address the following issues:-

- (i) the nature and location of archaeological material on the site, and
- (ii) the impact of the proposed development on such archaeological material, and
- (c) particular care shall be taken in replacing polesets close to archaeological features.

A report, containing the results of the assessment, shall be submitted to the planning authority and, arising from this assessment, the undertaker shall agree in writing with the planning authority details regarding any further archaeological requirements (including, if necessary, archaeological excavation) prior to commencement of construction works. In default of agreement on any of these requirements, the matter shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

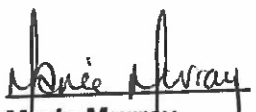
Reason: In order to conserve the archaeological heritage of the area and to secure the preservation (in-situ or by record) and protection of any archaeological remains that may exist within the site.

Planning Authority Assessment

With regards to condition 10 (b), the Planning Authority is satisfied with the contents, conclusions and the recommendations of the Archaeological Impact Assessment Report (March 2022) prepared by Byrne Mullins and Associates.

Condition 10(b) has therefore been complied with. The Planning Authority does however note that in the event of additional subsurface features of archaeological interest being uncovered during the course of the monitoring, works in the immediate area of such features will cease and the advice of the National Monuments Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage will be sought to determine what additional action should be implemented.

Yours sincerely


Marie Murray
Senior Staff Officer
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