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(Please quote in all related correspondence)

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Via email: planning.dept@sdblincoco.ie

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

Proposed Development: Construction of a gas fired power plant with an electrical output of up to 125MW with associated balance of plant, equipment and buildings at Profile Park, Baldonnel, Dublin 22.

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I refer to correspondence on 16 July 2021 received in connection with the above.

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

Archaeology

This Department note that the development site is located in an historic area adjacent to the site of Recorded Monument DU021-004- Kilbride Castle. In addition, recent archaeological investigations for the site immediately to the West of the proposed site (ref Geophysical Survey 20R0080 for Profile Properties) has identified the remains of a sub-circular enclosure and associated field systems. Archaeological testing has also confirmed the presence of this feature (carried out under licence 21E0061). It is therefore known that archaeological features/materials including an enclosure measuring c.30m in diameter has been found at the proposed site.



It is the recommendation of this Department that the following condition pertaining to Pre-development excavation and further site assessment be included in any grant of planning permission that may issue.

1. The applicant is required to engage the services of a suitably qualified archaeologist to carry out archaeological test excavations in areas not tested to date. No sub-surface work should be undertaken in the absence of the archaeologist without his/her express consent.
2. Test trenches will be excavated at locations chosen by the archaeologist (licensed under the National Monuments Acts 1930-2004), having consulted the site drawings.
3. The archaeologist shall also submit a methodology for full excavation and recording of features identified in earlier geophysical survey and archaeological testing.
4. Having completed the work, the archaeologist should submit a written report to the Planning Authority and to this Department in advance of the planning decision. Where further archaeological material/features are shown to be present, preservation *in situ*, preservation by record (excavation) or monitoring may be required and this Department will advise the Applicant/Developer with regard to these matters.
5. 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 this Department.

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) referrals@housing.gov.ie, or to the following address

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