



Planning Ref: **SD22A/0286**
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Re: Notification under Article 28 (Part 4) or Article 82 (Part 8) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended.

Re: Additional Information received in relation to Planning Application SD22A/0286 for permission for the demolition of 2 sheds and the construction of 30 dwellings; 1 vehicular and pede at Main Street, Newcastle, County Dublin

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I refer to correspondence on 15 March received in connection with the above.

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

It has been previously noted that the proposed development site is within the zone of notification (ZON) for the following archaeological monument that is listed in the Record of Monuments and Places (RMP): DU020-003--- Village. Additional archaeological monuments within this ZON include, but are not limited to, the following RMPs: DU021-017002- Castle – tower house and DU021-017001- Well.

It is also noted that the proposed development site is large in scale (c.1.25ha).

The Department has received a report titled *Archaeological Assessment Report Residential Development Site at Newcastle North Newcastle County Dublin Licence No. 23E0058 & 23R0033* that has been prepared by Icon Archaeology on behalf of Deane Homes Ltd.

According to the report, the remains of disused field systems and cultivation furrows were identified during a geophysical survey carried out under Licence No. 23R0033.



The disused field systems and cultivation furrows were confirmed in the northern half of the proposed development site during an archaeological test excavation carried out under Licence No. 23E0058. Additional features of archaeological potential included three north-south aligned boundary ditches that may relate to medieval burgage plots, the remains of in-situ burning (of possible 19th-century date) and a small pit.

It is recommended in the report that all topsoil removal associated with the development be monitored by a suitably qualified archaeologist under licence from the National Monuments Service.

The Department agrees with this recommendation.

Therefore, in line with national policy—see Section 3.7.2 of Frameworks and Principles for the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage 1999—, the Department recommends that archaeological monitoring, as described below, should be required as a Condition of planning.

Archaeological Condition

1. The developer shall engage a suitably qualified archaeologist to monitor (licensed under the National Monuments Acts) all site clearance works, topsoil stripping, groundworks, and/or dredging associated with the development. The use of appropriate machinery to ensure the preservation and recording of any surviving archaeological remains shall be necessary.
2. Should archaeological remains be identified during the course of archaeological monitoring, all works shall cease 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].
3. 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.
4. 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 required 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.



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