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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.

Proposed Development: Construction of 157 dwellings within the Clonburris South-West Development Area of the Clonburris Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) Planning Scheme 2019 Within the townland of Cappagh, Clonburris, Dublin 22

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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.

Archaeology

It has been previously noted that the proposed development site is partially within the zone of notification (ZON) for the following archaeological monument that is listed in the Record of Monuments and Places (RMP): DU017-036---- Enclosure. This monument is subject to statutory protection in the Record of Monuments and Places established under Section 12 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act 1930-2014.

It has also been previously noted that the proposed development site is relatively large in scale. The Department has received a report titled *Archaeological Assessment at Tiles 2 and 3, Cappagh, Dublin 22, (Clonburris SDZ) Licence Nos. 22E0719 / 22R0359* by Fergal



Murtagh of IAC Ltd. According to the report, several phases of archaeological investigations have been carried out at the proposed development site (Tile 3) in tandem with archaeological investigations at an adjacent site (Tile 2) that is also within the ZON of the recorded monument RMP No. DU017-036---- Enclosure but does not form part of the current planning application.

According to the report, the results of a geophysical survey carried out under Licence No. 22R0200, issued by the this Department, by Ger Dowling indicated several potential features of archaeological significance including anomalies possibly associated with the recorded monument RMP No. DU017-036---- Enclosure.

Subsequent archaeological testing under Licence No. 22E0719, issued by this Department, was carried out by Fergal Murtagh at the proposed development site (Tile 3) and at the adjacent site (Tile 2). Following the issuing of an RFI, two additional hand dug trenches were excavated across the projected extent of the possible enclosure DU017-036, partially located within Tile 3.

According to the report, the remains of a linear spread of material that covered a metallised surface were identified in Trench 1, within the currently proposed development site at Tile 3.

Furthermore, it is stated in the report that the remains of shallow ditches measuring 1.52m – 2.05m in width and 0.4m – 0.48m in depth were identified in Trenches 7 and 8 (Tile 2) and may relate to the recorded monument RMP No. DU017-036---- Enclosure. Trench 13 and 14 targeted the western projected extent (Tile 3) of the possible enclosure DU017-036. One shallow linear feature was identified in Trench 13, which measured 1m in width and 0.48m deep and may relate to the enclosure site.

It is recommended in the report that the RMP No. DU017-036---- Enclosure now be preserved by record within Tile 3 and where it extends into Tile 2. It is recommended that an area measuring c. 50m x 55m be opened around the enclosure.

It is also recommended that the metallised surface, identified in Tile 3, be preserved by record. It is recommended that an area measuring c. 10m x 10m be opened around the metallised surface.

It is further recommended that all topsoil stripping be monitored by suitably qualified archaeologist.



The Department partially agrees with these recommendations. It is the recommendation of this Department that the features likely associated with the RMP No. DU017-036---- Enclosure now be preserved by record within Tile 3 and where it extends into Tile 2.

It is the recommendation of this Department that the metalled surface, identified in Tile 3, be preserved by record. It is also the recommendation of this Department that all topsoil stripping at the proposed development be monitored under licence to this Department and subject to Condition.

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 and preservation by record, as described below, should be required as a Condition of planning.

Archaeological Condition:

1. The developer shall engage a suitably qualified archaeologist to monitor (as an extension of Licence No. 22E0719 under the National Monuments Acts) all site clearance works, topsoil stripping, groundworks and/or dredging within the development site. The use of appropriate machinery to ensure the preservation and recording of any surviving archaeological remains shall be necessary.
2. An updated Method Statement for the licensed archaeological monitoring, to be approved by this Department, will include methodology for the preservation by record of features that were discovered during testing under Licence No. 22E0719.
3. Should additional 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 this Department, regarding appropriate mitigation [preservation in-situ/excavation].
4. The developer shall facilitate the archaeologist in recording any remains identified. Any further archaeological mitigation requirements specified by the planning authority, following consultation with this Department, shall be complied with by the developer.
5. Following the completion of all archaeological work on site and any necessary post-excavation specialist analysis, the planning authority and this 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.

You are requested to send further communications to this Department's Development Applications Unit (DAU) at referrals@npws.gov.ie.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edel Griffin', is placed above the printed name.

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