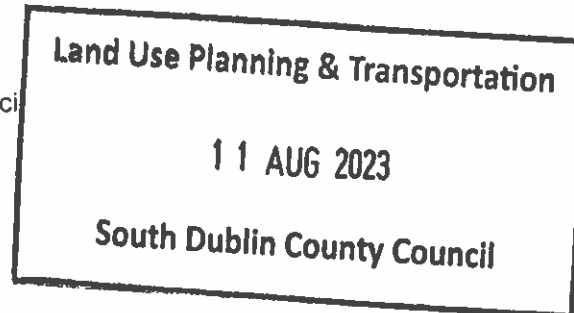


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Re: Confirmation of archaeological mitigation as per Condition 12 of Planning Permission SD22A/0312 for proposed Lidl store at Newcastle South, County Dublin

To whom it may concern,

I wish to confirm that our firm, John Cronin & Associates, act as archaeological consultants to Lidl Ireland GmbH and we have been appointed by them to discharge archaeological mitigation measures for a consented/granted retail development in the townland of Newcastle South, County Dublin (South Dublin County Council Planning Reference SD22A/0312).

Condition 12 of the grant of planning permission states the following:

12. Archaeological Monitoring.

Prior to the commencement of development on site, the developer/applicant shall discharge the following conditions:

(i) The developer shall engage a suitably qualified archaeologist to monitor (as an extension of Licence No. 22E0840 under the National Monuments Acts) all site clearance works, topsoil stripping, groundworks and/or dredging within the greenfield portion of the development site. The use of appropriate machinery to ensure the preservation and recording of any surviving archaeological remains shall be necessary.

(ii) Provide an updated Method Statement for the licensed archaeological monitoring, to be approved by the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage, will include methodology for the preservation of features that were discovered during testing under Licence No. 22E0840.

(iii) 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].

(iv) 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.

(v) 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 facilitate the recording and protection of any items of archaeological significance that the site may possess.

I can confirm that we have been granted a licence extension (**Excavation Licence 22E0840 extension**) by the National Monuments Service (NMS) of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in accordance with a method statement presented to them in support of the licence application. I attach a copy of the method statement that was agreed with NMS.

A programme of archaeological monitoring under an extension to licence no. 22E0840 was undertaken between Wednesday 19th of July and Friday 4th of August 2023. The archaeological features that were identified during the archaeological testing phase on this site (completed November 2022) have been uncovered. No additional/unexpected archaeological features have been identified.

It is now intended that archaeological excavation (preservation by record) of the archaeological features uncovered will be undertaken as agreed with the National Monuments Service under licence 22E0840. The archaeological excavations are expected to commence during the week beginning the 14th of August (programme permitting) and be completed by early September. A report detailing the results of the archaeological excavation will be furnished to South Dublin County Council and the National Monuments Service upon completion of the archaeological excavation.

I trust that this is all in order.

Yours sincerely,



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