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Department of Tourism, Culture,
Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media

Planning Ref: 21/424

(Please quote in all related correspondence)

7 April 2021

Director of Services-Planning
Meath County Council
Buvinda House
Dublin Road
Navan
Co Meath
C15 Y291

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

Proposed Development: Planning Application by Dawn Meats Ireland (Unlimited Company) permission for the construction of an extension to an existing wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) where the works include:- a) Demolition of an existing storage building (17.50m²) and construction of a new single-storey industrial type building to enclose the DAF unit granted planning permission under planning reference LB180300 and to provide new enclosed storage and control rooms (total floor area 119m²). b) Install a new sludge press at intake to WWTP, change aeration tank to anoxic tank, install 2 no. additional aeration tanks, alteration to perimeter berm to increase the footprint of WWTP, by 539m² to that granted planning permission under planning permission LB180300. C) Treated wastewater rising main from the site of the proposed development to new discharge point at the River Boyne (distance 7.2km), where pipeline shall be laid along a section of Windmill Road, the L1013, Yellow Furze Road, the L1600 (Boyne Road), and the unnamed local road leading from the L1600 to the private lands abutting the River Boyne at the discharge point. This planning application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS). This application relates to a development which is for the purposes of an activity which holds an Industrial Emissions Licence (Reg No. P0811-02) at Painestown, Seneschalstown, Dollardstown,, Hayestown-Carnuff Little & Ardmulchan, Navan, Co Meath



Dear Sir or Madam,

I refer to correspondence dated 22 March 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

The National Monuments Service has examined the archaeological component of the Archaeological, Architectural and Cultural Heritage section of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) (Section 14) submitted with the above planning application. The National Monuments Service notes the absence of any details relating to the location of 'working compounds' at the time of writing and the statement that this 'inhibits the overall efficacy of this report' (Section 14.1, page 297). The EIAR further states that the compound locations have not been inspected (Section 14.4.9, page 322).

Furthermore, the National Monuments Service notes that no archaeological test excavations have taken place along the route of the proposed pipeline, in particular, at the location of the outlet on the south bank of the River Boyne at Ardmulchan. This location on the river has a particularly high archaeological potential being located close to at the site of a corn mill, a series of weirs and a number of potential fording points (Section 14.5.4, page 348).

In the event that Further Information is requested in relation to this planning application it is recommended that an Archaeological Impact Assessment, as described below, should be prepared to assess the potential impact, if any, on archaeological remains in the area where development is proposed to take place. The statement should be submitted as Further Information. This will enable Planning Authority and the National Monuments Service to formulate an informed archaeological recommendation before a planning decision is taken.

Archaeological Impact Assessment should be compiled as follows:

1. The applicant is required to engage the services of a suitably qualified archaeologist to carry out an archaeological assessment of the development site. Where applicable the Further Information should include the results of an archaeological geophysical survey and archaeological testing of proposed construction compounds and at locations along the pipeline route that are in close proximity to known monuments. No sub-surface work should be undertaken in the absence of the archaeologist without his/her express consent.



2. The archaeologist will carry out any relevant documentary research and inspect the site. Test trenches may be excavated at locations chosen by the archaeologist (licensed under the National Monuments Acts 1930-2004), having consulted the site drawings.
3. Having completed the work, the archaeologist should submit a written report to the Planning Authority and to the National Monuments Service in advance of the planning decision. Where archaeological material/features are shown to be present, preservation *in situ*, preservation by record (excavation) or monitoring may be required.

It should be borne in mind that, if significant archaeological remains are found, refusal might still be recommended, and/or further monitoring or excavation required. A final decision should not be made on this application until the Planning Authority and the National Monuments Service has had the opportunity to evaluate the Archaeological Assessment. The National Monuments Service will forward a recommendation based on the Archaeological Assessment to the Planning Authority.

You are requested to send further communications to the Development Applications Unit (DAU) referrals@chg.gov.ie, or to the following address:

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Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'BB' with a flourish, is written above a horizontal line.

Brian Bone
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