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Islandmore Wind Farm

Environmental Impact Assessment
Report

Annex 11.1: Relevant Cultural
Heritage Policies & Objectives

Islandmore Wind Farm Limited

ARCHAEOLOGICAL HERITAGE POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

The RCDP recognises archaeological heritage as a finite and non-renewable resource and sets out specific objectives to ensure its protection and appropriate management within the planning process.

Relevant objectives include:-

- Objective 9.33 — Protection of Archaeological Heritage
To protect archaeological heritage, including monuments listed in the Record of Monuments and Places (RMP), National Monuments and zones of archaeological potential, and to ensure that development proposals avoid adverse impacts where possible.
- Objective 9.34 — Archaeological Assessment
To require archaeological assessment where development proposals have potential to impact archaeological heritage, including desk-based assessment, testing or monitoring where appropriate.
- Objective 9.35 — Preservation in Situ
To promote preservation in situ as the preferred approach for archaeological remains where feasible and appropriate.
- Objective 9.36 — Archaeological Monitoring and Mitigation
To ensure appropriate archaeological mitigation measures are implemented where development may affect archaeological heritage, including excavation, recording or monitoring.

These objectives provide the policy basis for the archaeological assessment undertaken as part of this EIAR and support the recommendation for archaeological monitoring during construction phase works.

ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

The RCDP includes objectives relating to protection of architectural heritage assets and their settings, which are relevant to assessment of indirect effects on cultural heritage landscapes.

Relevant objectives include:-

- Objective 9.20 — Protected Structures
To safeguard structures included on the Record of Protected Structures and their settings from adverse impacts.
- Objective 9.22 — Setting of Architectural Heritage
To ensure that development proposals respect the character and setting of protected structures and historic environments.

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AND CULTURAL LANDSCAPE POLICIES

The RCDP incorporates a Landscape Character Assessment that informs the evaluation of development proposals.

Relevant objectives include:-

- Objective 8.8 — Landscape Protection

To protect landscape character areas and ensure that development proposals respond appropriately to landscape sensitivity.

- Objective 8.10 — Landscape and Visual Amenity

To ensure development proposals respect landscape character and avoid significant adverse impacts on visually sensitive landscapes.

These objectives are relevant to the assessment of archaeological landscapes where heritage significance derives partly from landscape setting and spatial relationships.

RENEWABLE ENERGY POLICY CONTEXT

The RCDP supports renewable energy development while requiring protection of environmental and cultural heritage resources.

Relevant objectives include:-

- Objective 11.7 — Wind Energy Development

To support wind energy development in appropriate locations, subject to protection of environmental, landscape and cultural heritage assets.

This objective establishes the planning context within which potential effects on cultural heritage must be balanced against national renewable energy policy objectives.



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