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Re. Cnoc an Túir Development at Newgate, Waterford

Dear Bart,

Having reviewed my assessment and your updated plans for the development outside the city wall at Brown's Lane, I confirm my conclusions that the likelihood of encountering stratigraphic archaeological layers in the area of the footprint of the apartment block is low. This is the highest ridge in Waterford and both the wall, and the French Tower are placed directly on rock. Testing on the green area south of the wall, and monitoring of works adjacent to the base of the French tower have confirmed the weathered shale rock is very close to the surface. Building in the past has scarped away any remaining deposits and I believe the area of the lift shaft to be excavated will be an exercise with a rock breaker. That said, it is always possible that some structural remains will have survived, and for this reason I am sure the department will advise for you to have the excavation works monitored by a licenced archaeologist.

My only serious caveat is to have an exclusion area for vehicular traffic near the city wall. This has no footing (on the south side) and in the past, (as mentioned in my assessment of 2020) a string of houses with backyard walls were built against it. Without such a prop, vibrations in the area would not be advisable.

I trust this answers your queries regarding archaeology in the area. If not, please do not hesitate to contact me.

All the best to you and Agneiszka,

Yours sincerely,

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