



14/08/2025

Mr. Conor Devane  
Director of Forest Planning and Information Technology  
Coillte, Newtownmountkennedy  
Co. Wicklow

Dear Mr. Devane

**Re. Desk Check Report for Forest reference WD06-FL0298**

The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine carried out a desk check on the above licence on the **14/18/2025**. The following details the outcome of the audit and any follow up measures that are required.

Townland DRUMSLIG, LYRE  
DED ARDMORE DED, MOUNTSTUART DED  
County WATERFORD  
Area 12.22  
Infringement category 1. Yellow  
Requirement to Cease Operations was issued

Breach Description	Remedial Action
Potential Breach of archaeology report.	For review.

**Further Details**

Felling Licence WD06-FL0298 included the following condition:

*"The following specific archaeological requirements shall be fully complied with – • Pre-felling archaeological works should be carried out by a suitably qualified archaeologist • Prior to the commencement of any felling an inspection of the affected monument and a detailed plan for the removal of trees from the monument and/or its immediate environs should be submitted for the prior consideration and agreement of the Forest Service Archaeologist/National Monuments Service, DHLGH. (These plans should be submitted at least 3 weeks in advance of the felling commencement date)"*

Whilst DAFM did receive indirectly via NMS, DHLGH, on 16th August 2023, a DRAFT Archaeological Felling Management Plan prepared by Coillte’s Consultant Archaeologists (Archer Heritage Planning), that submission was premature (as no Licence had been issued at that point) and DAFM has no record of an amended / revised Archaeological Felling Management Plan being submitted by Coillte or Archer Heritage Planning subsequent to the Licence being granted and which takes into account the advice given to Archer Heritage Planning on 6th September 2023.

An amended / revised Archaeological Felling Management Plan taking into account the advice given on 6th September 2023 is thus requested, prior to commencement of any felling works and with sufficient time left for DAFM to consult NMS, DHLGH, on the plan.

In order to determine compliance with this condition, please send the tree removal plans.

Please send your reply within 14 days from the date of this letter to the Department [email: [felling.Coillte@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:felling.Coillte@agriculture.gov.ie)]

Yours sincerely,

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