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17 August 2026

Our Reference: NM08874

Paddy Bruton,
Forestry Services Ltd.,
Unit 3, Cillin Hill,
Kilkenny.

Re: S12(3) Notification of tree clearance works in proximity to Recorded Monument GA094-023--- (National Monument no. 609), Tower house, and GA094-144---, Midden, Merlinpark, Co. Galway.

Dear Mr Bruton,

Thank you for the notification of proposed tree clearance works in proximity to Recorded Monument GA094-023--- (National Monument no. 609), and GA094-144---, Midden, Merlinpark, Co. Galway.

Please note this notice pertains to the requirements of section 12 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act 1994 only and the work outlined in the papers submitted on 18 June 2026.

The proposed works are:

- Removal of storm-damaged trees within Merlin Park Woods using machinery utilizing designated access pathways as per drawings submitted;
- 30m exclusion zone to be maintained around the archaeological monuments.

The National Monuments Service (NMS) has assessed the proposal submitted and recommends the following in the vicinity of the Recorded Monuments:



1. That the 30m exclusion zones around the archaeological monuments are in place for the duration of the works and appropriate signage is provided to ensure that no works are undertaken within those areas;
2. That the 30m exclusion zone around the archaeological monuments be kept free from any works storage, compounds and vehicle access;
3. That the fencing used for the exclusion zones be non-impactful. Where fenceposts are required these should be driven and not excavated;
4. That no ground disturbance takes place at or in relation to the archaeological monuments;
5. That no heavy machinery be used at or in relation to the archaeological monuments;
6. Should the proposals change or it is found that trees within the 30m exclusion zones require removal and replanting please contact this office for further advice.

This response does not confer any authority to carry out the work other than with the owner's permission and in compliance with all other statutory requirements.

Please contact this office should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine McLoughlin

Archaeologist

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