

7. Cultural Heritage

Introduction

7.1 The original EIA submission (March 2014) assessed the cultural heritage associated with the site and its wider context. As part of the original assessment desk and site studies were undertaken.

7.2 The key findings from the original 2014 assessment are as follows:

- The proposed development will be mainly located on areas that have been previously disturbed, however the potential still exists for unknown cultural heritage resources being uncovered;
- Mitigation during the construction process will involve an archaeologist being present during topsoil stripping;
- There will be a permanent heritage impact due to the demolition of Black's Bridge (Industrial Heritage Feature 07300:000:00) which will give rise to a Moderate Negative Impact at a local level during the construction phase. It should be noted that a licensed Industrial Archaeologist has carried out a detailed survey of this bridge. The accompanying report of this survey met the requirements of NIEA: Historic Monuments Unit and the statutory body confirmed that they have no objection to the bridge being removed as part of the proposed development; and
- There will be no impact on the cultural heritage of the area.

7.3 The principal aim of this Chapter is to identify any additional cultural heritage features (since the March 2014 assessment) which require consideration in relation to the proposed development. This addendum Chapter should be considered along with the original 2014 assessment Chapter. It should be noted that since the 2014 submission the statutory authority for Historic Monuments; Historic Buildings; Historic Parks and Gardens; Maritime Heritage; Industrial Heritage; Defence Heritage and Archaeology is now Department for Communities (DfC): Historic Environment Division (HED).

7.4 Any cultural heritage features of interest (identified in addition to those sites examined in the 2014 assessment) within or near the site, including archaeological heritage and industrial heritage, are described alongside the potential environmental impacts that may occur during construction and operational phase.

Methodology

7.5 This assessment considers the terms of the Historic Monuments and Archaeological Objects (NI) Order 1995 and the Planning (Listed Buildings) Regulations (NI) 2015 and has utilised the guidance contained within:

- HED Services and Standards Framework (May 2016); and

- Planning Policy statement 6 (PPS 6): Planning, Archaeology and Built Heritage (1999).

7.6 Current heritage data has been examined which is located on the DfC: HED databases. Examination of the following digital datasets (<https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/services/historic-environment-map-viewer>) have been undertaken in relation to Heritage sites that may be impacted due to the proposed development:

- Sites and Monuments Records (SMR);
- Historic Buildings Record (HBR);
- Listed Buildings;
- Industrial Heritage Record (IHR);
- Register of Gardens;
- Defence Heritage Records;
- Areas of Significant Archaeological Interest;
- Areas of archaeological potential; and,
- Scheduled Zones.

Assessment

7.7 From the databases that have been reviewed there are a number of new features of cultural heritage interest which provide evidence that the general area of the proposed development has been utilised over a wide range of periods of human activity.

7.8 Table 7.1 and associated Figure 7.1 provide details on these additionally identified features (within a 1km radius of the development site):

Table 7.1 Additional Known Features of Cultural Heritage Interest

DfC: HED Reference Number	Type of Feature	Description	Within 'Red Line' of Application site? (Yes/No)	Likely Impact due to this proposed development?
10299:000:00	Industrial Heritage	Quarry	No	None likely
10300:000:00	Industrial Heritage	Quarry	No	None likely

DfC: HED Reference Number	Type of Feature	Description	Within 'Red Line' of Application site? (Yes/No)	Likely Impact due to this proposed development?
10301:000:00	Industrial Heritage	Quarry	No	None likely
056:050	Archaeological Features (Fortified House and Earthwork Defences)	This site was described in 1611 "upon a hill side, a large house with chimneys, which is enclosed by a rampart of earth sods & flanked..." No local tradition of the site survives & the site cannot now be located.	No	None likely
056:013	Archaeological Feature (Mound)	On the N-facing slope at the edge of a ridge, with land rising to S. The site consists of a low, flat topped mound, 1.5m high & 13m x 15m across, built of earth, with some large stones in its make-up. The scarp has been eroded in some places by cattle & a steel box has been built into the N face.	No	None Likely

Conclusions

- 7.9 From the review provided in this chapter, five additional features of Cultural Heritage interest have been identified within 1km of the proposed development (identified on Figure 7.1 as “Newly Identified”). All additional features are outside the proposed development site and will not be impacted upon due to the proposed works. The findings and recommendations included in the original 2014 assessment therefore remain valid.