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Re: Pre-planning enquiry for proposed student accommodation development in UCD

A Chara,

On behalf of the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, I refer to correspondence received in relation to the above.

Outlined below are heritage-related observations/recommendations of the Department under the stated heading(s).

Nature Conservation

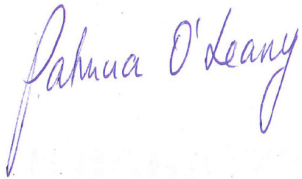
Badgers are known to have occurred in the recent past on this section of the Belfield campus where the proposed student accommodation is to be located, and bats have frequently been observed in this area. A survey for badger setts and other evidence of badgers' presence in the vicinity of the proposed development, as well as comprehensive bat surveys, should therefore be carried out and the results of these surveys included in the EIS. Measures to mitigate the impact of the impact of the proposed development on badgers and bat species should also be included in the EIS. The possible impact of the proposed development on breeding birds should also be assessed.

You are requested to send further communications to Development Applications Unit (DAU) via email to manager.dau@ahg.gov.ie; if emailing is not possible, correspondence may alternatively be sent to:

The Manager
Development Applications Unit
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Newtown Road
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Finally, the above observations and recommendations are based on the papers submitted to this Department on a pre-planning basis and are made without prejudice to any observations the Minister may make in the context of any consultation arising on foot of any development application referred to the Minister, by the planning authority, in her role as statutory consultee under the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

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