

M7 Osberstown Interchange & R407 Sallins Bypass Scheme

Architectural heritage

Brief of Evidence

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This assessment has been prepared by Paul Arnold, FRIAI, B. Arch Cert Conservation (KUL), of Paul Arnold Architects, an architectural practice established in 1985 which specialises in building conservation.

2. Impact Assessment Methodology

- 2.1 Refer to Section 9.2 of the EIS.

3. Existing Environment

- 3.1 Refer to Section 9.3 of the EIS.

4. Impact Assessment

Construction phase

- 4.1 It is expected that construction will lead to non-permanent changes to the visual landscape, with bare earth being visible for a period pending establishment of ground cover.

Operational phase

- 4.2 The setting and associated lands of Osberstown House will be subject to noise and light pollution and visual disruption of the historic setting.

5. Mitigation Measures

- 5.1 Appropriate planting of trees to visually screen the proposed scheme from Osberstown House and diminish light and noise pollution.

6. Residual Impacts

- 6.1 The proposed scheme will not directly impact upon the protected structure of Osberstown House. It will have a 'moderate negative' indirect impact, as assessed in accordance with the NRA guidelines arising from the regional importance of the protected structure and the nature of the impact on the setting of the house, which includes the bypass being visible from within the curtilage and/or the attendant lands of the house. Mitigation is to be effected by comprehensively planting the verges.

7. Response to Submissions

- 7.1 No submissions have been received in respect of architectural heritage

