

Longford County Heritage Plan 2004 – 2009

**A Partnership Heritage Plan for County Longford
prepared by The County Longford Heritage Forum**

The aim of the Heritage Plan is: that our heritage will be part of life for everyone

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Foreword

A Message from the Mayor

As Mayor of Longford County Council I am delighted to be associated with the publication of County Longford's first ever heritage plan.

The County Longford Heritage Plan 2004-2009 is a detailed framework that provides for partnership-based action to manage and care for our heritage over the next 5 years. It is a working document that sets out objectives and realistic, achievable actions that emerged following extensive public consultation on the heritage of Longford.

I congratulate the County Longford Heritage Forum for their dedication and hard work in the development of the County Longford Heritage Plan 2004-2009 and all those who gave their time and energy in the development of this framework.

On behalf of Longford County Council I wish the County Longford Heritage Plan 2004-2009 every success and look forward to its implementation and subsequent preservation of Longford's heritage.

Maura Kilbride-Harkin
Mayor Longford County Council

A Message from the County Manager

I am delighted to join with the Mayor in welcoming the publication of the heritage plan for County Longford. The heritage of County Longford is rich and varied and includes the county's landscape, waterways, folklore, music, architecture, archaeology and wildlife. These elements have developed the county's unique character and give a 'sense of place' to our individual towns, villages and places.

The importance of heritage is recognised within the Longford County Council 10-year strategy for Economic, Social and Cultural Development. This strategy highlights the development and implementation of the County Heritage Plan as a major objective. The County Longford Heritage Plan 2004-2009 provides a framework for the strategic development of heritage in the county over the next five years. Its publication is the first step in a process moving towards increased awareness, management and conservation of heritage in Longford.

This document is the culmination of a long process of consultation with individuals and groups throughout our county. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the chairman Cllr Alan Mitchell and all members of the County Longford Heritage Forum for their commitment and enthusiasm in developing this plan and the individuals, groups and organisations who made submissions and attended the public consultation meetings.

In planning for the future, we need to prepare for the future management of our heritage. In August 2004 Longford County Council in partnership with The Heritage Council appointed a full-time Heritage Officer to oversee the delivery of the County Longford Heritage Plan 2004-2009.

I would like to wish the Heritage Officer and County Longford Heritage Forum every success in the implementation of this heritage plan over the next 5 years.

Michael Killeen
County Manager

Introduction

Our heritage is all around us. It includes our landscapes, countryside, rivers and lakes, our archaeological sites, our buildings, our history, our language and culture. It's what makes our towns, our villages, our parishes special. It gives each place its identity, character and distinctiveness. In addition, some aspects of our local heritage are regionally, nationally or even internationally important and are protected by national or international legislation. As we plan for our future we need to plan for the future of our heritage. This will ensure that the best elements of our heritage, which enhance our communities and enrich our lives, will be maintained into the future. In doing so, we will ensure that our local areas and communities are good places to live and work, and to visit.

The importance of our heritage has been recognised by the Government with the publication of the National Heritage Plan in April 2002. The Plan recognises that conservation and management of our heritage plays an essential part in maintaining a high quality of life, and also recognises that our heritage is economically important, in particular because it underpins the tourist industry. The National Heritage Plan sets out a vision for heritage conservation and management over the next 5 years. A key element of the Plan is a call for the preparation of Local Heritage Plans at County and City level. The Plan also provides for national funding for the implementation of Local Heritage Plans.

With the formulation of the Longford County Heritage Plan, we are among the leaders nationally in responding to the challenges of the National Heritage Plan. The Plan has been formulated by the County Heritage Forum, a group established by the County Council to provide advice on the preparation and implementation of the County Heritage Plan. The Heritage Forum represents a partnership between all the relevant players and includes representatives from Local Government, Government Departments & Agencies, Community & Heritage Groups, Local Development & Business and the Farming Sector. This is the first time that all these different interests have come together in this way to develop a plan of action for heritage in the county.

In formulating the Plan the Heritage Forum has taken fully into account the relevant Goals, Objectives and Actions of the County Development Board as set out in its 10 year Strategy "The Way Forward". The County Development Board is the statutory body with responsibility for integrating and co-ordinating local service provision, and the development and implementation of the County Heritage Plan fulfils one of the Objectives of the County Strategy. The Heritage Forum has also consulted widely in the preparation of the Plan. As a result of a call for submissions in autumn 2002, forty responses were received from interested individuals and organisations throughout the county and beyond (see Appendix 3). The issues raised in these submissions formed the basis of the Forum's work in developing the Heritage Plan.

The actions in the Heritage Plan aim to ensure that our heritage will be a part of life for everyone in Longford. The actions address five broad themes or Objectives. These are:

1. To protect and enhance our archaeological and architectural heritage
2. To promote interest and pride in the county's culture
3. Develop a heritage education and awareness programme
4. Provide heritage information which is available to all
5. To protect and enhance the natural heritage

The Plan seeks to build on and complement the work of the many agencies, organisations and individuals already taking place in the county by specifically addressing local heritage issues and needs which are a priority for action. A key element is the need to provide information, and to increase awareness and appreciation in the whole community. Too often, we are unaware of the rich heritage on our own doorstep.

The actions set out in the Plan are realistic and achievable over the next 5 years. Each year a work programme of actions in the Plan will be identified, costed and completed, within the context of available resources and expertise. One of the key aims of the Heritage Plan is to support local communities in caring for their heritage. Local heritage and community group representatives have been involved in the development of the Plan and their support and involvement is vital for the successful implementation of the Plan. In particular, it is hoped that local groups and organisations will become active partners in the implementation of many of the actions in the Plan. Progress in implementing the Plan will be monitored by the Heritage Forum, and you will be kept informed of progress through public meetings, seminars and the media.

The publication of the Longford County Heritage Plan is a beginning, not an end. The Plan identifies our common objectives, sets out actions to achieve these and provides a mechanism to enable progress to be measured. The work ahead in implementing the Plan will require the co-operation and the continued involvement of all.

Objective 1: To protect and enhance our archaeological and architectural heritage

	ACTIONS	Proposed Partners
1.1	Provide support and guidance to local communities seeking to care for and maintain local heritage buildings or sites	Longford County Council The Heritage Council Chamber of Commerce Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government
1.2	Run a series of seminar/information evenings on graveyards and built heritage issues	Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Longford County Council The Heritage Council
1.3	Pilot a graveyard inventory and interpretation scheme in the County	Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Longford County Council The Heritage Council
1.4	Support the publication of the Archaeological Inventory of County Longford	Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government
1.5	Commission an inventory detailing the artefacts from County Longford in the National Museum of Ireland and other repositories	The National Museum of Ireland Longford County Council
1.6	Publish an accessible guide to (a selection of) archaeological monuments in County Longford	Longford County Council Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Longford Community Resources Ltd Longford Historical Society
1.7	Publish an accessible guide to the archaeology of different areas in the County e.g. Granard and North Longford: the Shannon region	Longford County Council Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Longford Community Resources Ltd
1.8	Support the appointment of an archaeologist at a regional level in accordance with the National Heritage Plan	Longford County Council
1.9	Conduct a survey of buildings of architectural and historical interest in the County	Longford County Council The Heritage Council Irish Georgian Society Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government
1.10	Review the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) at the earliest possible date	Longford County Council
1.11	Support the appointment of a Conservation Officer who will provide professional advice and guidance to the County Council, to owners of protected structures and to other interested individuals and organisations	Longford County Council Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government
1.12	Request Longford County Council to use a proportion of development charges to fund building conservation in the County	Longford County Council

1.13	Produce guidelines on building design, building materials and siting of new buildings in urban and rural situations which encourages high quality innovative design	Longford County Council
1.14	Ensure that Local Area Plans and Village Policy Statements fully consider local heritage issues	Longford County Council The Heritage Council Chamber of Commerce
1.15	Support the introduction of Architectural Conservation Areas in the County	Longford County Council Chamber of Commerce
1.16	Produce guidance on the naming of new developments for developers, local authority staff and the public	Longford County Council Chamber of Commerce
1.17	Initiate an Irish language shop-front and bi-lingual town signage programme for towns and villages in the County	Longford County Council Longford Community Resources Ltd
1.18	Prepare an inventory of a) buildings of architectural merit, b) churches and c) graveyards owned by the local authorities and establish an in-house advisory group to oversee their management and maintenance	Longford County Council
1.19	Establish a panel, including local heritage experts, to advise the Longford County Council in the naming of new developments	Longford County Council. Longford Historical Society

Objective 2: To promote interest and pride in the county's culture

	ACTIONS	PROPOSED PARTNERS
2.1	Develop a County Museum	Longford County Council The Heritage Council Longford Historical Society
2.2	Document places of mythological importance and develop a list of places to be protected in the County Development Plan and/or any subsequent Landscape Characterisation Study	Longford Historical Society Longford County Council
2.3	Improve awareness of the role of agriculture, the canals, rivers, lakes, bogs and their associated industries in shaping the County and its culture	Longford County Council Teagasc Waterways Ireland Bord na Móna
2.4	Increase awareness of the roles of all sectors of society, including women and the travelling community, in shaping the County and its culture	All
2.5	Promote the use of the Irish language by organizing a programme of events during "Seachtain na nGaeilge"	All
2.6	Document traditional music and dance in the County	Longford Community Resources Ltd. Longford County Council
2.7	Document the role of traditional sports, such as handball, in the County	Longford Community Resources Ltd. Longford County Council.
2.8	Hold seminars/information evenings to encourage participation from all sectors of society in the gathering and documentation of local historical information	Longford County Council Longford Historical Society
2.9	Promote the revival of traditional fairs and festivals	Longford Community Resources Ltd County Tourism Committee East Coast & Midlands Tourism
2.10	Promote the literary history of the County	Longford County Council County Tourism Committee East Coast & Midlands Tourism
2.11	Document prominent musicians and artists associated with the County	Longford County Council County Tourism Committee Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann
2.12	Promote the increased use of the Irish language by public bodies and business alike	All
2.13	Support and promote the maximum public involvement in Heritage Week	Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government
2.14	Support the development of a County Archives Service	Longford County Council Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government

Objective 3: Develop a heritage education and awareness programme

	ACTIONS	PROPOSED PARTNERS
3.1	Strengthen training for REPs farmers in relation to the archaeological and all elements of built heritage	Teagasc Farming Organisations
3.2	Develop an annual programme of events during Heritage Week	Longford County Council Longford Community Resources Ltd Longford Historical Society
3.3	Promote the INTO/Heritage Council <i>Heritage in Schools</i> programme	Longford County Council
3.4	Develop a 'heritage slot' in local newspapers and radio	All
3.5	Hold regular talks, seminars and exhibitions to highlight heritage issues including the unique culture and folklore of County Longford	All
3.6	Promote and organise workshops and training in the area of traditional crafts and skills	Longford County Council
3.7	Strengthen the Green schools programme and explore possibility of extending its scope to include heritage issues	Longford County Council
3.8	Run awareness programmes and competitions for schools which highlight our heritage	Longford County Council Longford Community Resources Ltd
3.9	Support the restoration of the Royal Canal including the disused link to Longford town and promote awareness of its importance and future potential	Longford County Council. Office of Public Works

Objective 4: Provide heritage information which is available to all

	ACTIONS	PROPOSED PARTNERS
4.1	Collate existing heritage information and sources into an easily accessible and widely available database	Longford County Council
4.2	Create a heritage information website	Longford County Council
4.3	Survey, collate and publish sources of historical data, including place/fieldnames, local agricultural practices etc	Longford County Council Longford Historical Society Longford Community Resources Ltd Farming Organisations
4.4	Collect information and prepare interpretative materials which detail information on the social and cultural role of bogs and lakes in the County	Longford County Council Bord na Móna Longford Community Resources Ltd Waterways Ireland
4.5	Encourage and promote the ongoing collection and documentation of folklore in the County	Longford Historical Society Longford County Council
4.6	Collect and document superstitions/pisrogs associated with localities	Longford County Council Longford Historical Society
4.7	Collect information regarding mythological associations and include in interpretative/information/tourist materials relating to Longford	County Tourism Committee Longford County Council
4.8	Create a database of traditional skill and craft-workers in the County.	Longford Community Resources Ltd County Tourism Committee.
4.9	Provide information for landowners regarding the care and maintenance of heritage	Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Longford County Council The Heritage Council
4.10	Provide heritage information and guidance to tidy towns committees	Longford County Council County Tourism Committee

4.11	Improve signage and interpretation at important heritage sites in the County	Longford County Council Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Waterways Ireland Shannon Regional Fisheries Board
4.12	Produce a heritage map(s) which indicates public access to sites of interest	Longford County Council Longford Community Resources Ltd
4.13	Support the County Library in the continuing provision of its local studies service	All
4.14	Promote re-publication of out-of-print books relating to Co. Longford	Longford County Council Longford Historical Society
4.15	Compile and publish a short history of Co. Longford	All
4.16	Undertake a heritage appraisal of all Longford County Council development plans	Longford County Council The Heritage Council
4.17	Ensure that Local Area Plans fully address local heritage issues and concerns by fully involving local people in setting out and developing policy in relation to heritage issues and concerns as part of the process of making such plans	Longford County Council

Objective 5: To protect and enhance the natural heritage

	ACTIONS	PROPOSED PARTNERS
5.1	Prepare a Local Biodiversity Plan as set out in the National Biodiversity Plan	Longford County Council The Heritage Council Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government
5.2	Conduct “corridor studies” of the rivers and canals to address the management of, and land-use within, these corridors	The Heritage Council Longford County Council Waterways Ireland Shannon Regional Fisheries Board
5.3	Encourage the use of the Neighbourwood and Native Woodland Scheme to enhance existing woodlands or create new ones.	The Forest Service
5.4	Hold seminars and practical training workshops for Longford County Council staff, contractors, landowners, tidy towns committees and the general public on hedgerow management	Longford County Council Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Teagasc
5.5	Pilot wildflower projects on County Council properties, roadsides and in schools. Encourage the involvement of tidy towns committees in this action	Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Longford County Council
5.6	Develop partnership structure to develop, maintain and promote a network of walking routes and greenways	Longford County Council The Heritage Council County Tourism Committee East Coast & Midlands Tourism Waterways Ireland
5.7	Establish the nature, extent and location of bogs, fens and cutaways in the County and develop policy proposals with regard to the appropriate conservation management and use of the resources in the future	Bord na Móna Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Longford County Council Teagasc Farming Organisations
5.8	Provide guidelines for developers, Longford County Council staff and the public on integrating biodiversity conservation into the development process	Longford County Council Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government
5.9	Assist the preparation of a landscape character assessment for the County	Longford County Council The Heritage Council
5.10	Identify sites where greater public access can be provided to waterways in the County and seek to provide access at these sites	Waterways Ireland Shannon Regional Fisheries Board Longford County Council The Heritage Council Farming Organisations

5.11	Prepare an Indicative Forestry Strategy for the County	The Forest Service Longford County Council
5.12	Undertake a pilot wetlands project to improve river water quality and create wildlife habitats	Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Longford County Council Shannon Regional Fisheries Board
5.13	Support community participation in National Tree Week	Tree Council of Ireland Longford County Council
5.14	Designate a contact officer for national heritage conservation matters in the Longford County Council	Longford County Council.
5.15	Support preparation and implementation of a Shannon River Basin Implementation Plan and facilitate full public implementation in the process	All
5.16	Support preparation and implementation of plans for designated nature sites in consultation with landowners and other stakeholders	All
5.17	Promote an awareness and understanding of Bats and advise on best practice in relation to their conservation and management	Bat Conservation Group Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government

Statement of Strategy

This section addresses how the plan will be delivered. It is a countywide plan with many partners responsible for implementing it. The County Council is a key partner and the Heritage Officer will in many cases act as co-ordinator for projects, therefore it is essential for the implementation of the Plan that a full time Heritage Officer be appointed to manage the programme. It is also important to recognize that this is a new approach and that this is the first time that a County Heritage Plan has been developed. Therefore there will have to be a certain amount of flexibility in the implementation as the new structure evolves.

Timeframe

Each year a detailed work programme will be drawn up from the actions in this Plan, with the projects proposed for the year, the partners, timeframe and the body responsible for delivery. This will be subject to the budget available for each year. The Heritage Forum will propose the programme, which will need agreement from all partners.

Finance

The Heritage Council will consider funding actions in the Plan, consistent with normal funding criteria, which are compatible with their objectives.

Longford County Council is committed, in partnership with others, to the delivery of the actions in the Heritage Plan over the next 5 years. Longford County Council will also continue to support the delivery of the actions in the Plan through the work of its Heritage Officer and other professional staff.

Partners

The proposed partners listed are at present, in almost all cases, confined to those organisations represented on the Heritage Forum. As the programme for each year is agreed, commitments will be obtained from relevant partners which will include organisations not represented on the Forum. Relevant organisations will be contacted on an ongoing basis, with regard to participation in actions. The lead partner, responsible for ensuring that the project is completed, will be highlighted for each project in due course.

Monitoring and Evaluation

The Longford County Heritage Plan lays out a series of actions for the 5 year period. The annual work programme will detail the projects agreed to by the partners for each year. The Heritage Plan and the annual work programme will be monitored by the Heritage Forum and progress will be evaluated and reported annually.

APPENDIX 1

The Heritage Plan Process

The Heritage Plan was developed by the Heritage Forum through a partnership process involving wide-ranging public consultation. The process was informed by draft national guidance from The Heritage Council on the preparation of Local Heritage Plans (*A Methodology for Longford County Council Heritage Officers on the Preparation of County/City Heritage Plans*).

September 2002	First meeting of Heritage Forum. The Forum identified heritage issues and concerns, defined an aim for the heritage plan and agreed on how the process would proceed
September - November 2002	<p>Public consultation process initiated with a call for ideas and suggestions from the public through local press and radio</p> <p>The following were also informed of the consultation process and invited to make responses: Elected members of Longford County Council, Schools, Churches, Government Departments & State Agencies, Local Agencies, Local Heritage Groups & Organisations, Community and Voluntary Groups & Organisations, Representative Bodies, NGOs</p>
November 2002	<p>Second meeting of the Heritage Forum to review responses received from public consultation process</p> <p>Working Groups formed under three headings: Built Heritage, Natural Heritage and Culture, to examine submissions and to draft objectives and actions</p>
January 2003	Each Working Group met twice or three times to review submissions and formulate draft objectives and actions
February 2003	Third meeting of the Heritage Forum. Reports from the Working Groups considered. Agreed that Working Groups reports should be amalgamated to produce draft objectives and actions for the Heritage Plan
March – April 2003	Fourth and Fifth meeting of the Heritage Forum. Draft Objectives and Actions considered and agreed. Agreed that Heritage Officer would bring forward Draft Heritage Plan for consideration at Forum meeting in May 2003
May 2003	Draft Heritage Plan agreed by Heritage Forum
May – June 2003	Public Consultation on Draft Heritage Plan
October 2003	Amendments to Draft Heritage Plan agreed by Heritage Forum
December 2003	Heritage Plan adopted by Longford County Council

APPENDIX 2

Membership of Heritage Forum 2002-2003

Sector	Organisation	Name
Local Government	Member, Longford County Council Member, Longford County Council Member, Longford County Council Member, Longford Town Council Member, Granard Town Council	Cllr. Alan Mitchell (Chair) Sen. James Bannon Cllr. Sean Lynch Cllr. Peggy Nolan Cllr. Eddie Kelly*
	Longford County Council Officer	Dónall Mac An Bheatha/ Ms Aoife Moore
Government Agencies	Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government (National Parks and Wildlife Service)	Ms. Susan Moles
	Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government (National Monuments and Historic Properties)	Mr. Paddy O' Donovan*
	The Forest Service, Department of Communications, Marine & Natural Resources	Mr Eddie Healy
	Teagasc, Department of Agriculture and Food	Mr Des Keegan
	Shannon Regional Fisheries Boards	Mr Dermot Broughan
	East Coast & Midlands Tourism	Ms Marie McCormack
	Waterways Ireland Bord na Móna	Mr Michael Bane Mr. Tom Egan
Community/Heritage Groups	Agreed/elected nominees	Ms. Annie McKenna Mr. John Farrell
Longford Historical Society	Co-opted by Forum	Mr. Michael Ward*
Local Development & Business	Longford Community Resources Ltd.	Ms. Mary Glass
	Chamber of Commerce County Tourism Committee	Mr. Fergus Reynolds Mr. Paddy Egan
Farming Sector	Agreed Nominees	Mr. Tom Fagan Mr. Victor Ryder

* Cllr. Kelly replaced Cllr. Edward Molloy as Granard Town Council's representative in January 2003; Mr. Paddy O'Donovan was nominated by Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government to replace Ms. Sarah Connor in January 2003; following an invitation from the Forum, Longford Historical Society nominated Mr. Michael Ward to the Forum in January 2003

APPENDIX 3

Membership of Heritage Forum 2005

Sector	Organisation	Name
Local Government	Member, Longford County Council Member, Longford County Council Member, Longford County Council Member, Longford Town Council Member, Granard Town Council	Cllr. Alan Mitchell (Chair) Cllr. Sean Farrell Cllr. Denis Glennon Cllr. Peggy Nolan Cllr. Sean Howard
	Longford County Council Officer	Dónall Mac An Bheatha/ Ms Aoife Moore
Government Agencies	Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government (National Parks and Wildlife Service)	Ms. Susan Moles
	Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government (National Monuments and Historic Properties)	Mr. Paddy O' Donovan
	The Forest Service, Department of Communications, Marine & Natural Resources	Mr Eddie Healy
	Teagasc, Department of Agriculture and Food	Mr Ciaran Beatty
	Shannon Regional Fisheries Boards	Mr Fergus Lynch
	East Coast & Midlands Tourism	Ms Marie McCormack
	Waterways Ireland Bord na Móna	Ms Jean Errity Mr. Tom Egan
Community & Voluntary Forum	Agreed/elected nominees	Mr John Doherty Ms Peggy Baxter
Longford Historical Society	Co-opted by Forum	Mr James MacNerney
Local Development & Business	Longford Community Resources Ltd.	Mr Noel Feely
	Chamber of Commerce County Tourism Committee	Mr Michael Keenan Mr Paddy Egan
Farming Sector	Agreed Nominees	Mr Tom Fagan Mr Victor Ryder
Education Sector	Representative, ASTI/INTO/TUI	Patrick O'Doherty

APPENDIX 4

PUBLIC CONSULTATION SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 2002

SUBMISSIONS WERE RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING:

Individuals

Barden, Fr. Tom
Barden, Mary
Dawson, Philip
Dawson, Sylvia
Farrell, Lucius J
Lynch, Cllr. Sean
MacGabhain, Martin
McGerr, John and Anne
MacNerney, James P
Skelly, Anne
Walshe, Noleen

Government and State Agencies

Bord Gáis Éireann (Gerry Geoghegan)
Coillte (Pat Brady)
Department of Environment, heritage and Local Government (Helen Francis)
Department of Environment, heritage and Local Government (Yvonne Doolan)
East Coast and Midlands Tourism (Marie McCormack)
Electricity Supply Board (Brendan Delany)
Enterprise Ireland (Simon Cavanagh)
Geological Survey of Ireland (Matthew A. Parkes)
Iarnród Eireann (Gregg Ryan)
Teagasc (Des Keegan)
Waterways Ireland (John Martin)

Community Groups and Organisations

Abbeylara Parish Council (Mary O'Reilly-Smith)
Ardagh Hill Walking Group (Brendan Farrell)
Clondra Village Concerned Residents (Anne Skelly)
Farrell Clan (John Farrell)
Longford Community Resources Ltd (Mary Glass)
Longford Roots (Jude Flynn)
Lough Ree Rowing Club (Nini Stevenson)
Newtownforbes Co-operative Society (Lucius J. Farrell)
Parish of Carrickedmond (Fr. Peter Tiernan, P.P.)
Royal Canal Amenity Group (Michael Grealley)
Temperance Hall Committee (Arthur Cumiskey)

NGOs

An Taisce (Ian Lumley)

Bat Conservation Group (Cavan/Meath Branch) (Donna Mullen)

Environmental Sciences Association of Ireland (Jim Wilson)

Irish Peatland Conservation Council (Noreen McLoughlin)

Irish Seed Saver Association (Vivien Linehan)

Mining Heritage Trust of Ireland (Matthew A. Parkes)

Churches

Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise (Bishop Colm O Reilly)

Representative Bodies

Irish Farmers Association - Longford County Executive (Thomas Fagan)

Irish Creamery Milk Suppliers Association (Victor Ryder)

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MAY – JUNE 2003

SUBMISSIONS WERE RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING:

Individuals

Lynch, Cllr. Brian
Ní Mhurchú, Yvonne
Skelly, Anne
Walshe, Noeleen

Government and State Agencies

Bord Gáis Éireann (Gerry Geoghegan)
Department of Environment, heritage and Local Government (Helen Francis)
Department of Environment, heritage and Local Government (Mairead O Boyle)
East Coast and Midlands Tourism (Marie McCormack)
Longford County Council Archivist (Martin Morris)
National Roads Authority (Amy O Shaughnessy)
Waterways Ireland (John Martin)

Community Groups and Organisations

County Longford Ploughing Association (Evelyn McLoughlin)
Longford Community Resources Ltd (Monica O Malley)

NGOs

An Taisce (Ian Lumley)
Bat Conservation Group (Cavan/Meath Branch) (Donna Mullen)
Friends of the Irish Environment (John Hester)
Irish Georgian Society (Donough Cahill)
Irish Wildlife Trust (Caren LeVine)
Tree Council of Ireland (John McLoughlin)

Representative Bodies

Construction Industry Federation (Ray Gilboy)

APPENDIX 5

Relevant Heritage Legislation

Built Heritage

National Monuments Acts 1930 - 1994

National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997

Architectural Heritage (National Inventory) and Historic Monuments (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1999

Planning and Development Act, 2000

Natural Heritage and Waterways

Wildlife Act, 1976.

Wildlife (Amendment) Act, 2000

European Communities (Natural Habitats) Regulations, 1997

Birds Directive (Council Directive 79/409/EEC), 1979

Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC), 1992

Water Framework Directive (Council Directive 2000/60/EC), 2000

Museums and Archives

National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997

Local Government Acts 1994 and 2001

Landscapes and Heritage Gardens & Parks

Planning and Development Act, 2000

Heritage and Planning

Planning and Development Act, 2000

Heritage Act, 1995.

Environmental Impact Assessment (Council Directive 85/337/EEC, as amended)

Strategic Environmental Assessment (Council Directive 2001/42/EC)

International Conventions and Agreements which Ireland has signed and ratified

- UNESCO Convention concerning the protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (ratified 1992)
- European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (Valletta Convention), 1997
- Convention for the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe (Granada Convention), 1997
- Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Bern Convention), 1979 (ratified 1982)
- Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (Bonn Convention), 1979 (ratified 1983)
- Agreement on Conservation of Bats in Europe (Bonn Convention), 1993 (ratified 1995)
- Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention), 1971 (ratified 1984)
- Convention on Biological Diversity, 1992 (ratified 1996)
- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), 1974
- Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA) (Bonn Convention), 1996
- European Landscape Convention, 2000(ratified 2002)