



Mr. Fergus McCormick,
Office of Public Works.

9th April 2025

Dear Fergus,

Re -Extension to Ministerial Consent C001122 for the replacement of the roof timbers of the 2020 canopy on the Lower Lighthouse Roadway, *Sceilg Mhichil*, Co. Kerry.

An archaeological impact assessment (Hayden 2022a) was submitted in July 2022 as part of the original application for Ministerial Consent for the proposed construction of an extension of the canopy over the Lower Lighthouse Roadway on *Sceilg Mhichil* in 2022.

The Ministerial Consent subsequently granted for the work (C001122) included conditions requiring the archaeological monitoring of the construction of the canopy. This was undertaken and a report on the works was submitted (Hayden 2022b).

An extension to the Ministerial Consent was issued in 2025 to allow the replacement of the timber roof of the canopy. The Ministerial Consent granted included the same conditions as the original Ministerial Consent, and included a requirement archaeological monitoring of the works. However, the letter issued (4th March) by the Dept. of Housing etc. accompanying the granted Ministerial Consent extension included an acknowledgement that “*the works are for the replacement of modern material, and will not have an impact on the cultural or natural heritage, and is replacing like-with-like.*”

As the proposed works will not involve anything that will have any impact on any archaeological or historical features or deposits, there is in fact no need for the works to be archaeological monitored.

References

Hayden, A. (2022a) Archaeological Impact Assessment of Proposed Canopy Installation, Lower Lighthouse Road, Skellig Michael Co. Kerry June 2022.

Hayden, A. (2022b) Skellig Michael Co. Kerry- Archaeological Monitoring of Extension of Cross Cove Canopy on the Lower Lighthouse Roadway. (Ministerial Consent No. C001122; Works No. W000562, Excavation Licence No.E005411; Detection Device Licence No. R000586)

Yours Sincerely

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