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# Brú na Bóinne World Heritage Property Management Plan 2017–27

## Action Plan – Progress Tracker

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## Action Plan – Progress Tracker: December 2025

| Summary of Progress Tracker         |        |            |
|-------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Status                              | Amount | Percentage |
| Action completed                    | 84     | 84%        |
| on track/ongoing                    |        |            |
| Action started, but behind schedule | 14     | 14%        |
| Action not started                  | 2      | 2%         |

**Objective 1: To ensure the co-operation of the all stakeholders in the implementation of measures that seek to preserve the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of the World Heritage Site (WHS) and to incorporate the protection of the OUV into relevant legislation, planning guidelines and policies.**

| No. | Action   | Indicator                        | Target Date | Status |
|-----|--|----------------------------------|-------------|--------|
| 1.1 | Establish a Brú na Bóinne World Heritage Site Management Plan Implementation Group.  | Establishment of Group           | 2017        |        |
| 1.2 | Appoint a Site Manager and Management Team.  | In place                         | 2017        |        |
| 1.3 | Provide adequate funding, resources and logistical support.  | Funding and resources available  | Ongoing     |        |
| 1.4 | Liaise with public agencies, e.g. the Heritage Council and Fáilte Ireland, non-governmental organisations and interest groups, as required, to ensure the effective implementation of the Management Plan. | Meetings held and actions agreed | Ongoing     |        |
| 1.5 | Set up a Community Forum to meet at least  | Establishment of Community Forum | 2017        |        |

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|            | twice a year (see main text for details).   |                                  |             |        |
| <b>1.6</b> | Establish and maintain an ownership map for the Core Area with the aim of extending the ownership map out to the Buffer Zone.   | Information gathered and updated | By 2027     |        |
| <b>1.7</b> | Produce an annual report to be submitted to UNESCO and uploaded to <a href="http://www.worldheritageireland.ie">www.worldheritageireland.ie</a> to inform all stakeholders of progress. | Report completed and submitted   | Annually    |        |

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**Objective 2: To monitor and maintain the adequacy of the core and buffer zones that make up the WHS property – in particular the protection of the boundaries of the property and its setting.**

| No. | Action  | Indicator   | Target Date   | Status |
|-----|---|---|---|--------|
| 2.1 | Carry out a review and study of the boundaries of the WHS property at regular intervals.                      | Produce annual statement.                               | By 2027   | Green  |
| 2.2 | Monitor the effectiveness of the existing Core Area and Buffer Zones in the protection of the OUV of the WHS. | Produce a statement at year three and seven of the plan | 2019 and 2023   | Green  |
| 2.3 | Promote knowledge and understanding of the significance of the WHS Core Area and Buffer Zones.                | Production of information in appropriate media          | Ongoing   | Blue   |
| 2.4 | Integrate protective measures for the WHS with development plans and other infrastructural development plans. | Inclusion of WHS references in relevant plans           | Co-ordinate with relevant agencies at appropriate times | Green  |
| 2.5 | Consult with the Community Forum before making any changes to the boundaries.                                 | Consultation takes place                                | See 2.2   | Green  |
| 2.6 | Inform UNESCO of any large- scale or infrastructural schemes which may affect the WHS.                        | Prompt notification of such schemes                     | Notification when scheme comes in for planning          | Blue   |

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| 3.1 | Request Meath County Council and Louth County Council to incorporate this Management Plan in their respective County Development Plans.                       | Inclusion of references to this Management Plan in the County Development Plans         | Co-ordinate with relevant agencies at appropriate times | Green  |
| 3.2 | Liaise with the Department in the review of the National Monuments Acts to seek particular protection for the sites within the WHS and protection of its OUV. | Inclusion of specific protection measures in forthcoming National Monuments legislation | Ongoing   | Green  |
| 3.3 | Ensure that all newly discovered monuments entered in the Sites and Monuments Record are registered immediately within the WHS.                               | Inclusion on Register of Historic Monuments   | Ongoing   | Blue   |

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**Objective 4: To promote a wider knowledge of the significance of the WHS and its OUV through the dissemination of information relevant to the WHS and the benefits of its ongoing preservation and conservation.**

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|-----|---|--|---|--------|
| 4.1 | Improve access to relevant information.   | Ongoing  | Ongoing   |        |
| 4.2 | Disseminate such information in various media including websites and related media.   | Production of information in appropriate media | Ongoing   |        |
| 4.3 | Maintain liaison with Meath County Council and Louth County Council with regard to raising the profile of the WHS OUV.                    | Report on liaison and steps taken              | Co-ordinate with relevant agencies at appropriate times |        |
| 4.4 | Improve access by way of virtual tours of the monuments not open to the public, e.g. Dowth.   | Production of virtual tours                    | By 2027   |        |
| 4.5 | Include more promotional material such as solstice events on <a href="http://www.worldheritageireland.ie">www.worldheritageireland.ie</a> | New regime in place                            | By 2027   |        |
| 4.6 | Work with OPW to improve less formal access to Dowth (South) passage tomb.  | Access improved                                | Negotiations to begin immediately                       |        |

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**Objective 5: To promote and use the existing research framework in order to encourage projects that will inform not only archaeological research but also management of the WHS.**

| No. | Action  | Indicator  | Target Date | Status |
|-----|---|--|-------------|--------|
| 5.1 | Draft terms of reference for, and appoint an Expert Advisory Committee to advise on best practice for a publication programme and future research.                          | Production of terms of reference and appointment of Expert Group | 2017        | Amber  |
| 5.2 | Review research framework at appropriate intervals.   | Report of review   | By 2027     | Blue   |
| 5.3 | Enhance visitors' experience of visiting the site through increasing knowledge of Brú na Bóinne and by encouraging research and ensuring research results are disseminated. | Report of ongoing enhancements                                   | Ongoing     | Blue   |
| 5.4 | Support any relevant national research programmes.  | Document support as appropriate                                  | Ongoing     | Blue   |
| 5.5 | Implement the research framework and promote the participation of universities and interested parties in research programmes.   | Report on ongoing implementation                                 | Ongoing     | Blue   |
| 5.6 | Establish a research archive.   | Archive already established                                      | By 2027     | Green  |
| 5.7 | Update the exhibition at the WHS Visitor Centre in light of new information and research.   | Exhibition launched  | By 2027     | Green  |

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|-----|--|-------------------------------|-------------|--------|
| 5.8 | Work on the new visitor facility at Knowth House and ensure a high quality of information and presentation.  | Facility opened to the public | By 2027     | Green  |
| 5.9 | Continue to give grant aid to the Royal Irish Academy for the Directed Archaeological Research grant scheme. | Continuance of grant aid      | By 2027     | Blue   |

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**Objective 6: To preserve the cultural heritage of the WHS and sustain and enhance the WHS OUV through the conservation of its archaeology including its structures, artwork and landscape.**

| No. | Action   | Indicator           | Target Date              | Status |
|-----|--|---------------------|--------------------------|--------|
| 6.1 | The condition and vulnerability of all archaeological sites and monuments throughout the WHS will be reviewed regularly to guide future management action and priorities.  | Report of review    | At appropriate intervals | Blue   |
| 6.2 | All artwork (at three main mounds) will be monitored annually and vulnerabilities used to inform work plans.   | Report received     | Annually                 | Blue   |
| 6.3 | The setting of visible monuments and sites in the landscape and their inter-relationships will be maintained and enhanced with particular attention given to achieving an appropriate landscape setting for the passage tombs and other key monuments. | Monitoring reports  | Ongoing                  | Blue   |
| 6.4 | A framework for archaeological survey of the Core Area will be created with an aim of extending the survey out to the Buffer Zone.   | Framework developed | By 2027                  | Amber  |

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**Objective 7: To preserve the cultural heritage of the WHS and sustain and enhance its OUV through the conservation of its archaeology and landscape setting.**

| No. | Action  | Indicator                                       | Target Date           | Status |
|-----|---|---|-----------------------|--------|
| 7.1 | Draft a full pre-works survey and a detailed specification for each phase of future works, in advance of any work commencing on the site.             | Production of project design                    | Project deadline      | Blue   |
| 7.2 | Prepare a formal, structured maintenance programme for all conserved structures.  | Report received                                 | Ongoing               | Amber  |
| 7.3 | Produce a detailed stratigraphic report of the archaeological excavations for lodgement in the Archive Section, DHLGH, and for publication on website | Submission and publication of excavation report | On project completion | Blue   |
| 7.4 | Produce a detailed report on all conservation interventions for lodgement in the Archive Section, DHLGH.  | Submission of conservation report               | On project completion | Amber  |

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| <b>Objective 8: To identify and protect the natural heritage of the WHS.</b> |   |  |                    |               |
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| <b>No.</b>   | <b>Action</b>   | <b>Indicator</b>                             | <b>Target Date</b> | <b>Status</b> |
| <b>8.1</b>   | Prepare and implement a five- year biodiversity plan for the WHS.   | Production of five-year plan                 | 2017               |               |
| <b>8.2</b>   | Maintain close co-operation, including regular meetings, between the project team, the guide service and the NPWS.  | Meetings held                                | Ongoing            |               |
| <b>8.3</b>   | Issue, as necessary, consent for notifiable activity.   | Consents issued                              | Ongoing            |               |
| <b>8.4</b>   | Ensure an Appropriate Assessment for any plan or project (either individually or in combination) likely to have a significant effect on the species and their habitats for which the SPA and the SAC has been designated. | Production of list on Appropriate Assessment | As required        |               |

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**Objective 9: To protect the sustainability and encourage the viability of the communities living within the Core Area and Buffer Zone of the WHS. Key to the sustainability of these communities is their ability to continue to live, work and play within the area.**

| No. | Action   | Indicator  | Target Date | Status |
|-----|--|--|-------------|--------|
| 9.1 | Establish a Brú na Bóinne World Heritage Site Community Forum to discuss issues relating to the WHS in general and to make observations on the implementation of the plan.   | Forum established                                  | 2017        | Green  |
| 9.2 | Work with Local Authorities to develop a guidance document which provides advice on siting and design in relation to residential and agricultural development within the WHS.  | Production of guidance document                    | 2017        | Red    |
| 9.3 | Work with the Local Authorities to facilitate consultation with applicants regarding the siting and design of developments affecting the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Brú na Bóinne, and the scope of any necessary impact assessments. | Record of meetings with Local Authorities          | Ongoing     | Blue   |
| 9.4 | Work with the Local Authorities and other relevant agencies in encouraging sustainable economic development in the area, particularly in tourism and agriculture enterprises.  | Development of tourism and agriculture enterprises | Ongoing     | Blue   |

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| No.  | Action  | Indicator                                      | Target Date           | Status |
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| 9.5  | Make all reports referenced in this Plan available to the public.   | All plans to be put online                     | 2017                  | Green  |
| 9.6  | Examine and, where possible, rectify issues raised in the consultation process which have no impact on the OUV of the site.   | Progress to be shared with the local community | Immediate and ongoing | Green  |
| 9.7  | Discuss transport and signage issues with the relevant authorities.   | Progress to be shared with the local community | Already begun         | Blue   |
| 9.8  | Work with OPW to deliver an online ticketing service.   | Progress to be shared with the local community | 2017                  | Green  |
| 9.9  | Ensure that the Community Forum has access to site managers and officials from DHLGH and OPW on a regular basis.  | Effective liaison                              | Ongoing               | Green  |
| 9.10 | Work with the Community Forum to ensure that its terms of reference are developed in such a way as to provide influence, accountability and relevance to the Forum and the local community. | Stakeholder satisfaction                       | Ongoing               | Green  |

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**Objective 10: To protect and preserve the OUV of the WHS and its setting by assessing risks and potential risks, reviewing current preparedness and suggesting appropriate corrective measures.**

| No.  | Action  | Indicator                                   | Target Date | Status |
|------|---|---|-------------|--------|
| 10.1 | Identify and evaluate the protection of the WHS and OUV from risks and potential risks. | Risk evaluation/vulnerability report        | Ongoing     | Amber  |
| 10.2 | Document risks and potential counter-measures.  | Production of risk report                   | Ongoing     | Red    |
| 10.3 | Recommend monitoring systems and possible preventative measures and plans.              | Report of recommended preventative measures | Ongoing     | Amber  |

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**Objective 11: To develop the sustainable tourism potential of the site and to achieve an appropriate balance with the protection and preservation of the OUV of the WHS and its setting.**

| No.  | Action  | Indicator  | Target Date | Status |
|------|---|--|-------------|--------|
| 11.1 | Ensure that all practices are consistent with the maintenance of the OUV of the WHS.  | No threat to OUV   | Ongoing     |        |
| 11.2 | Maintain ongoing assessment of visitor numbers and management to ensure early identification of potential threats to the OUV.   | Report on threats to OUV                                     | Ongoing     |        |
| 11.3 | Develop an integrated approach with Ireland's Ancient East, the Boyne Valley Tourism Office, Fáilte Ireland, local tourism networks, and Local Authorities in their development of a tourism strategy for the greater area. | Report of current and future tourism initiatives             | Ongoing     |        |
| 11.4 | Identify monuments in private ownership which could be made accessible to the public with co-operation from the landowner.  | Produce ownership map with accessible monuments              | Ongoing     |        |
| 11.5 | Identify, in conjunction with the local community and local tourism networks, sustainable agritourism initiatives appropriate to the WHS.   | Development of sustainable agritourism activities in the WHS | Ongoing     |        |
| 11.6 | Advise landowners proposing to allow  | Report on meetings   | Annually    |        |

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| No. | Action   | Indicator | Target Date | Status |
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|     | access to monuments on their land of best practice for visitor management and assist, where possible, with proposals to provide tours or visitor services. |           |             |        |

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| <b>Objective 12: To sustainably manage tourism strategies and initiatives in the light of obligation to preserve, conserve and maintain the OUV of the WHS.</b> |  |                                      |                    |               |
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| <b>No.</b>  | <b>Action</b>  | <b>Indicator</b>                     | <b>Target Date</b> | <b>Status</b> |
| <b>12.1</b>   | Continue to review the optimum number of visitors to the individual sites consistent with site protection.   | Report on visitor figures            | Ongoing            | Blue          |
| <b>12.2</b>   | Review education values by carrying out a detailed visitor assessment of visitor impact and trends.  | Review of education values           | Ongoing            | Amber         |
| <b>12.3</b>   | Collect visitor statistics for each season and analyse trends.   | Report of analysis of visitor trends | Ongoing            | Blue          |
| <b>12.4</b>   | Continue to explore sustainable cultural tourism initiatives which have the potential to further deepen the engagement of the local community, visitors and tourists with the WHS. | Report at annual meeting             | Annually           | Blue          |
| <b>12.5</b>   | In the spirit of co-operation and to ensure conservation obligations are communicated to tourism agencies; continue to liaise with Fáilte Ireland and local tourism bodies.        | Include section in annual report     | Annually           | Blue          |
| <b>12.6</b>   | Investigate future uses for Knowth House.  | Completion of actions                | By 2027            | Blue          |
| <b>12.7</b>   | Provide an online booking/ticketing system to enable a   | Online booking system in place       | By 2027            | Green         |

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|     | more flexible and open approach to the tourist experience (see Action 9.8 above). |           |             |        |

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**Objective 13: To ensure that visitors have a safe and informative experience when they visit the site and that a quality service is provided for them.**

| No.  | Action  | Indicator  | Target Date      | Status |
|------|---|--|------------------|--------|
| 13.1 | Maintain a quality guide service to enhance the visitor experience by ensuring that there are relevant training programmes in place for the guides.                       | Delivery of training programmes                      | Ongoing          |        |
| 13.2 | Continue to balance the need to preserve the National Monuments and facilitate public access with appropriate management.   | Provision of appropriate access                      | Ongoing          |        |
| 13.3 | Liaise with Transport Infrastructure Ireland, and Meath and Louth Local Authorities to place internationally recognised UNESCO WHS signage at the boundaries of the site. | Erection of signage                                  | Ongoing          |        |
| 13.4 | Liaise with relevant bodies on a review of the current directional signage.   | Report on review of signage issues                   | By 2027          |        |
| 13.5 | Make use of the arts to interpret and promote the WHS to the people of Ireland and the world.   | Development of new arts projects                     | Ongoing          |        |
| 13.6 | Examine in co-operation with the Local Authorities and residents the issues relating to road traffic, buses and parking raised by the local                               | Improved access to the WHS and approval of residents | Regular meetings |        |

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|     | community during the consultations associated with the making of this Plan. |           |             |        |

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**Objective 14: To protect and preserve the OUV of the WHS and its setting by reviewing the condition and vulnerability of the sites and monuments and their setting within the WHS and to adjust management actions and guidance accordingly.**

| No.  | Action   | Indicator                        | Target Date | Status |
|------|--|----------------------------------|-------------|--------|
| 14.1 | Monitor and document at appropriate intervals the condition and vulnerability of monuments within the WHS. | Production of monitoring reports | Ongoing     | Amber  |
| 14.2 | Identify potential threats to the monuments and the OUV.   | Report of threats as appropriate | Ongoing     | Amber  |
| 14.3 | Take appropriate action and prioritise the protection of monuments.  | Report relevant interventions    | As required | Blue   |

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**Objective 15: To protect and preserve the OUV of the WHS and its setting by the prevention of negative impacts from current practices, and changes to any current benign practices which would result in a negative impact on the OUV of the WHS.**

| No.  | Action   | Indicator                                     | Target Date      | Status |
|------|--|---|------------------|--------|
| 15.1 | Monitor at appropriate intervals agricultural practices within the WHS.  | Report of monitoring at appropriate intervals | 2020, 2023, 2026 | Blue   |
| 15.2 | Identify potential threats to the OUV.   | Report of threats and vulnerabilities         | Ongoing          | Amber  |
| 15.3 | Ensure that all practices are consistent with the maintenance of the OUV of the WHS.   | Recommend good practice                       | Ongoing          | Blue   |
| 15.4 | Liaise with the farming body (IFA) and Teagasc to produce good practice guidelines in relation to farming practices within WHSs. | Publish guidelines                            | By 2027          | Blue   |

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**Objective 16: To protect and preserve the OUV of the WHS and its setting by providing appropriate guidance and advice to Local Authorities and development agents concerning the protection of the OUV of the WHS.**

| No.  | Action  | Indicator   | Target Date | Status |
|------|---|---|-------------|--------|
| 16.1 | Protect the WHS and OUV from adverse development impacts.   | Report of monitoring at appropriate intervals   | Ongoing     |        |
| 16.2 | Offer appropriate advice and guidance to Local Authorities and relevant development agencies and agents.  | Report of threats and vulnerabilities   | Ongoing     |        |
| 16.3 | Implement the provisions of the Local Authority Development Plans and other relevant legislation/regulations.   | Recommend good practice   | Ongoing     |        |
| 16.4 | Encourage, where appropriate, the conservation and sustainable re-use of existing traditional and vernacular buildings within the WHS.  | Develop series of re-use case studies, disseminate findings and continue to provide advice to owners of traditional buildings | Ongoing     |        |
| 16.5 | Monitor and document at appropriate intervals the nature and density of development within and around the WHS.  | Report on development trends and issues   | Ongoing     |        |
| 16.6 | Continue in conjunction with Meath County Council to provide an integrated pre-planning service where the Council's and DHLGH's officials will jointly comment on pre-planning issues within the WHS. | Report annually to the Brú na Bóinne World Heritage Site Management Plan Implementation Group on the work of the service      | Ongoing     |        |

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| <b>Objective 17: To protect and preserve the OUV of the WHS.</b> |  |  |                    |               |
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| <b>No.</b>   | <b>Action</b>  | <b>Indicator</b>   | <b>Target Date</b> | <b>Status</b> |
| <b>17.1</b>  | Continue to promote the WHS as a learning resource to schools and local communities.   | Satisfied customers  | Ongoing            | Blue          |
| <b>17.2</b>  | Upgrade the information in the Visitor's Centre to the highest standard and ensure it is reflective of recent archaeological research. | Upgrade completed  | By 2020            | Green         |
| <b>17.3</b>  | Examine the uses of Knowth House for educational purposes.   | Report to the Brú na Bóinne World Heritage Site Management Plan Implementation Group | 2017               | Amber         |
| <b>17.4</b>  | Ensure that the new facility in Knowth House complements the information from the main Visitor Centre.                                 | Upgrade completed  | By 2020            | Green         |
| <b>17.5</b>  | Create a virtual visit to the monuments for people unable to visit them.   | Virtual visit completed  | By 2020            | Amber         |
| <b>17.6</b>  | Ensure that academic publications are followed up with non-specialist material based on the results of the academic work.              | Report annually  | Ongoing            | Blue          |

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| <b>Objective 18: To ensure protection of the Boyne Canal sections of the Boyne Navigation where it passes through the WHS.</b> |  |                                 |                    |               |
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| <b>No.</b>   | <b>Action</b>  | <b>Indicator</b>                | <b>Target Date</b> | <b>Status</b> |
| <b>18.1</b>  | Establish a Brú na Bóinne World Heritage Site Management Plan Implementation Group.  | Regular meetings with An Táisce | Ongoing            |               |
| <b>18.2</b>  | Appoint a Site Manager and Management Team.  | Regular meetings with An Táisce | Ongoing            |               |
| <b>18.3</b>  | Maintain close co-operation and levels of consultation with An Táisce, as owners of the Boyne Navigation in all matters relating to same.  | Regular meetings with An Táisce | Ongoing            |               |
| <b>18.4</b>  | Maintain public access to, and on, the existing towpath which runs alongside the Boyne Canal.  | Regular meetings with An Táisce | Ongoing            |               |
| <b>18.5</b>  | Facilitate navigation along the Boyne Canal and relevant sections of the River Boyne where the Navigation passes through the WHS and Buffer Zone whilst ensuring that it does not pose any likely significant effects on archaeology, or on the conservation objectives of the relevant Natura 2000 sites. | Regular meetings with An Táisce | Ongoing            |               |
| <b>18.6</b>  | Facilitate the provision of a walking and cycling track on the towpath.  | Liaison with Local Authority    | Ongoing            |               |

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