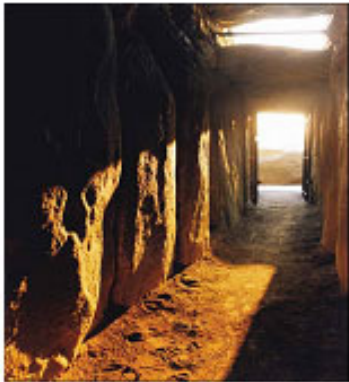

County Meath Heritage Plan 2007-2011



A partnership plan, prepared by Meath County Heritage Forum.

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Foreword

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Introduction

Our heritage is inextricably linked to our identity as people, communities and as a nation. Over the millennia Meath's physical environment has moulded its natural and cultural heritage. From the spiritual resonance of Brú na Bóinne to Tara's symbolism of political sovereignty and freedom and from the beauty of the Boyne to medieval structures and eighteenth and nineteenth century architecture. This is a landscape which perpetually invites us on journeys of exploration: of nature, of history, of literature, of architecture, of mythology and saga, of the elusive mysteries of creation itself.

Our heritage, although dynamic and constantly evolving, is a non-renewable asset and resource that requires careful and informed management. Heritage plays an essential role in maintaining a high quality of life and is the basis of our tourism industry.

Meath Local Authorities have recognized the importance of heritage in their Corporate Plan (2004-2009) which outlines their vision *"of a County that is recognized locally, nationally and internationally as an excellent place to invest in, to visit and to live in, renowned for the quality of its environment, heritage, culture and the strength and viability of its communities"*.

The production of a Heritage Plan for Meath is a first for the county, and represents a new approach to heritage management. The setting up of the Heritage Forum offers for the first time a framework in which various bodies, organisations and groups with responsibility for the care and conservation of Heritage in county Meath can work together in partnership, in a strategic way to achieve an agreed vision.

The Heritage Plan is an opportunity to identify heritage issues and needs at a county level, and to address them locally, within a regional and national framework.

The Heritage Plan in context

In April 2002, the Government published the National Heritage Plan which recognises the communal nature of heritage and the responsibility we all share in its protection. This plan states that *“Protection of our heritage must begin at local level, enabling everybody to become actively involved in preserving and enhancing that which belongs to us”*. A key action of the National Heritage Plan is providing for heritage at local level through the preparation and adoption of County Heritage Plans involving County Heritage Fora.

The County Meath Heritage Plan has been produced in response to this Government policy and in accordance with guidelines produced by the Heritage Council (2003). This plan also takes into account the requirements of the National Biodiversity Plan published in 2002 which calls on Local Authorities to develop a Local Biodiversity Action Plan. In addition, a key objective of the County Meath Heritage Plan is to complement existing initiatives and strategies in the county including the Meath County Development Board Le Cheile Strategy – An Integrated Strategy for Meath to 2012. The goal of this strategy is to promote the sustainable development of County Meath through an integrated and socially inclusive approach that recognises the economic, social and cultural potential of the population, and the limits and opportunities provided by the county’s environmental and other resources.

Relationship with the County Development Plan

The Development Plan is the statutory framework which sets out the land-use and other objectives of the local authority pursuant to the Planning and Development Act, 2000. It contains objectives for the protection, conservation

and enhancement of the heritage as well as inventories of structures, sites and places, considered to be of heritage value which are worthy of protection and conservation. For example, the Record of Protected Structures, reference to the Record of Monuments and Places, Architectural Conservation Areas, and the list of areas designated for nature conservation (e.g. SACs, SPAs & NHAs).

The Heritage Plan is not a policy document and does not contain land-use policies which would affect development. The Heritage Plan will seek to complement the Development Plan, and other statutory plans e.g. through the collection of relevant data, and by undertaking actions to ensure that heritage policy is effectively implemented.

It is an objective of the County Meath Development Plan 2007-2013 to prepare and implement a 5-Year County Heritage Plan.

Definition of heritage

The Heritage Act, 1995, states that the national heritage includes the following:

- Monuments
- Archaeological objects
- Heritage objects
- Architectural heritage
- Flora
- Fauna
- Wildlife habitats
- Landscapes
- Seascapes
- Wrecks
- Geology
- Heritage gardens and parks
- Inland waterways

In defining the scope of heritage to be included in the plan Meath Heritage Forum expanded the above definition to include industrial and agricultural heritage, social heritage, folklore and folklife, genealogy and local history and placenames.

Preparing the Heritage Plan

In February 2006, Meath County Council established the County Meath Heritage Forum, a non-statutory advisory group to assist in the formulation and implementation of a County Heritage Plan. The Heritage Forum represents a partnership between all the relevant players and includes representatives from local government, government departments and state agencies, local heritage and community groups, NGOs, local business, local development, the farming sector, educational institutions and the heritage professions. This is the first time that all these different interests have come together to develop a heritage action plan.

A discussion document on the Heritage Plan and pre-draft consultation form was prepared, the process was advertised in the local media and the public were invited to make submissions. Public meetings were held in each of the five electoral areas. Formal presentations were made at these meetings and those present were invited to identify heritage issues and suggest actions to address such issues. In addition, submissions were invited from an extensive list of stakeholders including government and state agencies, local heritage and cultural groups, all Meath primary and post primary schools, universities, elected representatives, community and voluntary organisations. In total 129 written submissions were received at the pre-draft stage and 57 people attended the public consultation meetings.

The Forum is established into three working groups;

- (1) Natural heritage and biodiversity
- (2) Built heritage
- (3) Cultural heritage and heritage education.

A report on all the issues raised in public consultation was prepared and circulated to all working group members. All Forum members received a scanned copy of each individual submission received.

Each working group met a number of times to identify key heritage issues, consider pre-draft submissions and reach consensus on actions for the draft plan. While every effort was made to address issues raised in pre-draft submissions, given the countywide and strategic remit of the plan, it was not possible in general to include location- specific issues.

This first County Meath Heritage Plan sets out 77 achievable and realistic actions which need to be taken over the five years 2007-2011 to protect, manage and conserve our heritage. The plan also seeks to complement the work of the many agencies, organisations and individuals already taking place in the county.

A Draft Plan was presented to Meath County Council on September 4th 2006 and approved by the elected members. The draft plan was also presented to the Social, Community and Cultural Strategic Policy Committee, Trim, Navan and Kells Town Council and The County Development Board. The plan went on display from December 18th 2006 to February 23rd 2007 and submissions were invited from the public and all interested parties, a total of 25 written submissions were received. Public meetings, attended by 24 people, were held in each electoral area in January 2007. A report on all submissions on the draft plan was prepared and considered by the Heritage Forum and amendments to the draft agreed.

Actions

The actions below are arranged under four strategic themes;

- (1) Awareness and Education
- (2) Baseline Data and Information
- (3) Best Practice in Heritage Conservation and Management
- (4) Integrating heritage within the Local Authority

Within each theme, actions have been organised into several sub-themes to facilitate implementation.

Strategic Theme 1: AWARENESS AND EDUCATION

Raise awareness and promote an appreciation on all aspects of our heritage

No.	Action
1	Organise events and promote community involvement in heritage week
2	Promote use of full range of media in raising public awareness of Meath's heritage at home and abroad e.g. heritage E-Zine, articles in "Community Matters",
3	Promote the County Meath Heritage Plan, hold an annual heritage day to inform stakeholders and the community on its implementation and publish a heritage supplement in local newspaper to coincide with this event
4	Encourage and promote festivals in the county
5	Promote and encourage participation in National Tree Week and National Tree Day
6	Organise an annual event to celebrate nature and wildlife
7	Publish and regularly update a web-based environmental/heritage directory
8	Encourage and promote heritage lecture programmes
9	Produce ten high quality posters illustrating aspects of Meath's built, natural and cultural heritage
10	Raise awareness of the Forest Service Native Woodland Scheme aimed at assisting landowners to conserve, enhance and expand the native woodland resource
11	Hold an annual geological event as part of Heritage Week
12	Support and promote the annual Pride of Place Harvest Walk Competition
13	Promote the Forest Service NeighbourWood to encourage the development of woodlands amenities in and around towns and villages

Endeavour to make heritage accessible for all

No.	Action
14	Examine on a pilot basis, in consultation with the Heritage Council, a "Heritage in the Community" initiative (modelled on Heritage in Schools)
15	Seek to improve and advise on interpretive signage at heritage sites, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, and to adopt a consistent approach to it
16	Support the creation of heritage trails in towns and villages
17	In partnership with relevant agencies and organisations promote heritage-based multicultural events to embrace diversity in Meath
18	Disseminate local heritage information through Community Fora activities (e.g. meet and greet in local communities, newsletters) to give greater possession of the heritage to all residents including newcomers to Meath
19	Encourage an understanding of Traveller Heritage and Culture
20	Encourage and facilitate voluntary involvement in the collection and dissemination of heritage data/information

Undertake heritage education initiatives

No.	Action
21	Develop a heritage education and awareness programme, in partnership with Navan Education Centre, aimed at primary and post primary pupils, teachers and the school community
22	Promote the INTO/Heritage Council "Heritage in Schools" Scheme
23	Examine the feasibility of offering training and education courses, in partnership with the VEC, to assist heritage and cultural groups/interests in the county e.g. local historical societies
24	Develop and deliver a series of training skills workshops/seminars in specific areas of heritage for stakeholders, community groups and the public e.g. the use of lime mortars, recording your local graveyard

No.	Action
25	Develop and deliver in-service training on heritage conservation and management for Meath Local Authorities staff and elected representatives
26	Establish mutual links with third-level institutes to encourage heritage research and activity in Meath e.g. Local History Studies, NUI Maynooth, Geography Department, University College Dublin

Promote the heritage of Gaeltacht areas of Baile Gib and Ráth Cairn

No.	Action
27	As North Meath's rich literary and manuscript tradition in Irish is shared with South Ulster, including Armagh and Down, cross-border co-operational funding will be sought in the promotion of this shared heritage, in conjunction with such bodies as Eigse Oiriaila and Foras na Gaeilge.
28	Seek to revise and republish the two selections of the Irish poetry of Meath: <i>Duanaire na Midhe</i> (1914) by S. Laoide and <i>Amhráin na Midhe</i> by E. O Muirgheasa.
29	To protect, preserve and promote the literary and cultural heritage of the gaeltacht areas and recognise the Irish language as a living language through the provision of a modern public library, archive and information service through the medium of Irish in the heart of the Ráth Cairn gaeltacht.
30	Support Comharchumann Ráth Cairn and Baile Gib Development Officer in their promotion of gaeltacht heritage

Strategic Theme 2: BASELINE DATA AND INFORMATION

Catalogue and Collate existing heritage data

No.	Action
31	(i) Undertake an audit of existing built heritage databases and sources of information (and make this information widely available) (ii) Use this information to inform local authority decisions and initiate research projects
32	(i) Inventory existing Meath fauna and flora meta-datasets (ii) Use this information to inform local authority decisions and initiate research projects
33	Draw up a habitat map of the county, using the subsoil/soils/landcover maps produced by Teagasc

Commission surveys and research to fill established information gaps

No.	Action
34	Initiate and progress the County Meath Graveyard Project to include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desk-top audit of existing graveyards to create a comprehensive database • Digital photographic survey of graveyards • Map and record memorials • Collate and present data in an easily accessible format • Provide advice to stakeholders on best practice in the care and conservation of graveyards
35	Utilise technology to develop an on-line photographic archive
36	Initiate and progress the production of a heritage guide on each parish in the county in association with Meath Partnership
37	Undertake an inventory of Industrial Heritage

No.	Action
38	Encourage the study of Meath placenames and promote the use of the Irish language on townland signs and in new developments
39	Establish a county Buildings at Risk Register
40	Undertake a demesne landscape survey (linked to NIAH survey) to include an educational element and recommendations for development control
41	Pilot a study on Historic Landscape Characterisation
42	Inventory of proposed Architectural Conservation Areas and develop educational material to raise awareness
43	Produce a booklet outlining major habitats in Meath
44	Record and map significant mature trees, including champion trees, and significant woodlands in Meath
45	Undertake an audit of geological heritage sites in the county, in association with the Geological Survey of Ireland, and conserve important sites in the County Development Plan
46	(i) Produce a series of Best Practice Guidance Leaflets on Bats in co-ordination with Bat Conservation Ireland (ii) Register bat records for County Meath on the Bat Conservation Ireland database and establish links with the Meath Co. Co. GIS database
47	Commission four county-wide natural heritage surveys over the lifetime of the plan e.g. hedgerow survey, eskers

Disseminate heritage information to the public

No.	Action
48	Utilise Information Communication Technology (ICT) to record, preserve and present heritage data
49	Expand and continually update the County Meath Heritage Website
50	Ensure that heritage information collated through the heritage plan is available and accessible through the Meath County Library Service

No.	Action
51	Create a database of all Environmental Impact Statements and archaeological excavations reports produced in the county and ensure that all such reports are available to the public
52	Compile an architectural heritage information pack and make freely available to community groups, owners of protected structures and county library
53	Produce and disseminate ten leaflets on various aspects of wildlife and biodiversity
54	Publish an explanatory booklet on the geology of the county
55	Disseminate best practice guidelines in the management and conservation of Meath's hedgerow resource

Strategic Theme 3: BEST PRACTICE IN HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT

Undertake initiatives to enhance our heritage resources

No.	Action
56	Carry out a feasibility study on the future use of the Old St. Patrick's Classical School in Navan
57	Facilitate the establishment of a Local Publications Unit in partnership with relevant stakeholders to commission, advise on, fund and promote the publication of material of local interest
58	Establish the Boyne/Blackwater Valley Environment Heritage Trail
59	Prepare a Local Biodiversity Action Plan in consultation with relevant stakeholders and the community
60	Develop the Meath Coastal Environment Trail
61	Establish a Meath Biological Records Resource
62	Carry out a feasibility study on the development of a pilgrimage route based on St. Patrick
63	Establish the County Meath Heritage Fund to aid the implementation of the County Meath Heritage Plan

Work in partnership with local communities and stakeholders to enhance of our heritage assets

No.	Action
64	Establish a network of heritage-related bodies in Meath and promote co-operation between organisations and target education and training
65	Work in partnership with the Boyne Navigation Restoration Group in their phased work programme for the Boyne Navigation and Towpath
66	Continue to support local heritage projects, as resources permit, through the Amenity Levies Scheme/Community Grants Scheme

No.	Action
67	Establish liaison with other local authorities on mutual heritage issues
68	Undertake an urban tree planting programme in partnership with Pride of Place and Tidy Towns committees

Establish best practices models

No.	Action
69	Expand the Traditional Buildings and Conservation Skill and Trades Register and make it available on the web
70	Develop a guidance document on the illumination of historic properties
71	Support the Irish Walled Town Network through the involvement of Trim
72	Prepare guidance notes for developers, the local authority and the public on integrating heritage into development

Promote an appreciation of landscape and heritage as a resource for the cultural and economic development of communities in Meath

No.	Action
73	Pursuant to s. 204 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 seek to pilot the development and adoption of a Landscape Conservation Area in County Meath
74	In partnership with the Loughcrew Survey Team (University College Cork, Cambridge University and Swanton Consultancy) to pilot the development of a visualization tool using lidar data and aerial photography to aid rural planning and management.
75	To work in partnership with the relevant agencies/organisations and the public to promote, understand, conserve and manage the Brú na Bóinne UNESCO World Heritage Site

Strategic Theme 4: INTERGRATING HERITAGE WITHIN THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

Provide evidence-based advice on heritage conservation to Meath Local Authorities

No.	Action
76	Utilise information collated through the heritage plan process to inform emerging Development and Local Areas Plans

Seek the appointment of heritage professionals within Meath's Local Authorities required to implement key legislation and policy

No.	Action
77	<p>(i) Full time Conservation Officer to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compile and update the Records of Protected Structures and Architectural Conservation Areas for County Meath and the Town Councils of Navan, Kells and Trim. • Comment on Planning Applications pertaining to Protected Structures. • Provide conservation and restoration advice • Oversee the Architectural Conservation Grant Scheme for Protected Structures in County Meath. • Propose policies and objectives relating to the built environment in County and Local Area Development Plans. <p>(ii) Recognise the work undertaken by the Regional Archivist employed by Meath, Kildare and Wicklow since 1998 in meeting the requirement of the Local Government Act, 1994, Section 65 and Local Government Act, 2001, Section 80, which places onus on local authorities for archives management</p> <p>Full-time archivist for County Meath to further</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devise public awareness and education strategy • Develop adequate policies for the acquisition, preservation (including storage), cataloguing, conservation and public inspection of archival material detailing all aspects of Meath life • Provide adequate accommodation for the archives (respecting strict archival standards) and for public inspection. • Promote and advertise archival exhibitions, as well as annual events such as Archival Awareness Month (September) • Developing a website dedicated to the archival enterprise in Meath, on which will figure how people can access archival material, new collections available for

No.	Action
	<p>public inspections, information on archival preservation and care, as well as national events, conferences..etc...</p> <p>(iii) Council Architect to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise on/design local authority housing, • Planning Role- in development management, comment on applications. <p>In forward planning assist in preparation of design policies/ guidance in development plans, LAPS, framework plans etc</p> <p>(vi) Biodiversity Officer to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote, manage and co-ordinate biodiversity and biodiversity related activities in the county; • Facilitate and manage the preparation of a County Biodiversity Plan; • Assist council departments in integrating Biodiversity into their actions and policies; • Provide advice on biodiversity matters; • Liaise with council officials, stakeholders, non-governmental organisations, official bodies and the general public on biodiversity matters • Raise awareness of biodiversity and issues affecting biodiversity in the county with a broad range of groups. <p>(v) Field Monuments Advisor to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor and report on the condition of ancient monuments within the geographical area of responsibility. • Liaise with monument owners and occupiers, local authorities, and other agencies on the condition of ancient monuments, advising them on appropriate management measures, including general advice on the relevant agri-environment schemes. • Devise awareness and educational initiatives • Monitor and report on the progress of any works or management action affecting ancient monuments

Implementing the County Meath Heritage Plan

The plan identifies 77 agreed and realistic actions to be implemented for the five year period, 2007-2011. The County Heritage Forum will work in partnership with the Local Authority in implementing this first county heritage plan.

Each year, after consultation, a detailed work programme will be developed from the actions outlined in this plan. The project partners responsible for each action will be identified. Partners may include organisations not represented on the Forum. A project brief outlining the objectives, methodology, deliverables, estimated cost and individual/agency responsible for deliver of each individual action will be prepared.

Each year the annual work programme will be published on Meath County Council's Heritage website.

Resources

A budget of €800,000 is estimated for the delivery of actions over the lifetime of this plan, excluding staff costs. This requires an annual budget of €160,000 over the period 2007-2011. Meath County Council is committed, in partnership with others to the delivery of the actions in the plan.

The Heritage Council has agreed, in principle, to consider the Plan as a 5-year strategic funding application. The Heritage Council will consider funding actions in the Plan which are compatible with their objectives, consistent with normal funding criteria.

The National Heritage Plan published in April 2002 indicated that €12.7 m would be made available over a 5 year period for the implementation of Local Heritage Plans. To date, this level of funding has not been made available.

Appendix I County Meath Heritage Forum Working Groups

Cultural Heritage and Heritage Education Working Group

Name	
Séamus MacGabhann	Department of English, National University of Ireland Maynooth (Chairperson of County Meath Heritage Forum)
Cllr Michael Gallagher	Kells Area Elected Representative
Ciaran Mangan (Ciarán ó Mangáin)	County Librarian
Frances Tallon	Meath County Library
Mary Carty	Meath County Council Arts Officer
Siobhan O'Connor	Meath County Council, Community IT
Claire King	Meath County Council, Community and Enterprise Development Officer
Gerard Weldon	Meath County Development Board
Kathryn Lynch*	Chamber of Commerce
Olive Falsey	Meath County Council, Training Officer
Michelle Whelan	Meath Tourism
Michael Ludlow	Meath Leader
Padraic MacGraith	Comharchumann Rath Cáirn
Shelia Crehan	MAHS, Local Historical Societies
Fr. Gerry Rice	Meath Archaeological and Historical Society
Ms. Bernadette McHugh	Navan Education Centre

Natural Heritage and Biodiversity Working Group

Name	
Cllr. Charles Bobbett	Dunshaughlin Area Elected Representative
Cllr. Tom Kelly	Slane Area Elected Representative
Fergal O'Bríc	Meath County Council, Forward Planning
Matthew McAleese	Meath County Council, Forward Planning
Mary Plunkett	Meath County Council, Pride of Place
Ray Earle	Eastern River Basin District Project
Vincent Collins	Environment Department, Meath County Council
Noel McGloin	Eastern Regional Fisheries Board
Annette Lynch	NPWS, Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government
Sylvia O'Hehir	NPWS, Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government
Celine McAdam	Teagasc

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Eamon Meade	Meath IFA
Dr. Colman Gallagher	Geography Department, UCD
Dr. Declan Murray	Zoologist
Maeve Fanning	Ecologist
Dr. Tina Aughney	Bat Conservation Ireland
Dr. Michael Gunn	Birdwatch Ireland
Dr. Robbie Meehan	Geologist
Dr. Loreto Guinan	Meath Heritage Officer

Built Heritage Working Group

Name	
Cllr. Jimmy Mangan	Navan Area Elected Representative
Cllr Seamus Murray	Trim Area Elected Representative
Tadhg McDonnell/Michael Killeen	Meath County Council Director of Service, Community and Enterprise Department
Bernard Greene	Meath County Council, Forward Planning
Wendy Moffett	Meath County Council, Forward Planning
Jill Chadwick	Meath/Louth Conservation Officer
Mary Deevy	Archaeologist, National Roads Design Office
Claire Breen	National Monuments Section, Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government
Frank Donnelly	Architect, Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government
Kevin Mulligan	Meath An Taisce
Paddy Shaffrey	Architect and Town Planner
Dr. Patrick Wallace	Director, National Museum of Ireland
Mr. David Sweetman	Archaeologist
Prof Gabriel Cooney	School of Archaeology, University College Dublin
Dr. Terence Dooley	Centre for the Study of Historic Irish Houses and Estates
Prof. George Eogan	Archaeologist
Dr. Loreto Guinan	Meath Heritage Officer

Appendix II The Heritage Plan Process in County Meath

July 2005	Approval secured from Meath County Council management team for Heritage Plan methodology and membership structure of Meath Heritage Forum
September 2005	Heritage Plan process presented to Meath County Council and membership of Heritage Forum. Members approved the preparation of a County Heritage Plan and agreed that an elected representative from each electoral area be nominated onto the Forum
September 2005	Heritage Plan process presented to County Development Board and representative requested to serve on Forum
Sept –Oct 2005	Elected representative from each electoral area nominated to serve on the forum
Feb 2006	Approval secured from Social, Community and Cultural Strategic Policy Committee for preparation of County Heritage Plan and formation of Heritage Forum
Feb 2006	Meath Heritage Forum formally established
March 2006	First Meeting of the County Meath Heritage Forum Three working groups established; Natural Heritage and Biodiversity; Built Heritage, Cultural Heritage and Heritage Education
March –April 2006	Pre-draft public consultation process initiated with submissions invited through newspaper advertisements. Public meetings were held in each electoral area
June–August 2006	Each working group met three to four times to review submissions and formulate actions for the plan
August 2006	Second meeting of the Meath Heritage Forum to consider draft actions
September 2006	Draft heritage plan presented to Meath County Council for agreement
September 2006	Draft heritage plan presented to Trim, Kells and Navan Town Councils, County Development Board for agreement
November 2006	Draft heritage plan presented to Social, Community and Cultural Strategic Policy Committee
Dec 2006 – Feb 2007	Public consultation on Draft County Meath Heritage Plan 2007-2011
April - May 2007	County Meath Heritage Forum working group meetings to consider submissions and amendments to the draft plan
Feb 2008	Presentation of County Meath Heritage Plan 2007-2011 to Meath County Council for adoption

The process was informed by The Heritage Council's 'A Methodology for Local Authority Heritage Officers on the Preparation of County/City Heritage Plans'.

Appendix III Public Consultation Process

Pre-draft written submissions

Organisation Submissions

Aquens Ltd., School of Biological and Environmental Science, UCD (Mary Kelly Quinn)
Athboy Heritage Forum (Anne Hoey)
Athboy Tidy Towns (Mary Flood)
Athboy Twinning Committee (J. Waldron-Lynch)
Baconstown Heritage Group (Lucy Greaney)
Ballinacree Historical & Heritage Society (Bernard Smith)
Ballivor Historical Society (M.J. McGearty)
Balrath Woods Preservation Group (Liz McArdle)
Bat Conservation Ireland (Donna Mullen)
Batterstown V.E.A. (Philip McCormack)
Beachgrove Residents Association (John Burrows)
Birdwatch Ireland-Boyne Valley (Michael Gunn)
Boyne Canal Action Group (Stephen Early)
Broomfield and District Residents Associations (Maura & Niamh Roche)
Coillte (Conor Devane)
Coillte (P.J. Fitzpatrick)
Coillte (Terry O'Reilly)
Comharchumann Ráth Cairn Teoranta (Padraic MacCraith)
Conradh na Gaelige (Pádraic MacDonncha)
Cumann Drámaíochta Ráth Cairn (Beartle ó Curraoin)
Damh na Mí (Liam Mac Coil)
Department of Archaeology, NUI Galway (Joe Fenwick)
Donore Environmental & Heritage Group (Patricia O'Reilly)
Duleek Commons Protection Association (James McKenna)
Duleek Heritage Group (Janet Leigh)
Dunderry History Group (John Keely)
Dunshaughlin Tidy Towns (John Holland)
Environment Section, Department of Agriculture & Food (Ann Maguire)
Flexibus Meath Accessible Transport
Forest Service - Archaeologist, Department of Agriculture & Food (Emmet Byrnes)
Forest Service, The Department of Agriculture and Food (Philip Carr)
Friends of Tobertynan Wood (Angela Owens)
Institute of Geologists of Ireland, UCD School of Geological Sciences (Geoff Wright)
Inland Waterways Section, Heritage Council (Beatrice Kelly)
Irish Geological Heritage Section, Geological Survey of Ireland (Dr. Sarah Gatley)

Irish Society for Archives (Raymond Refaussé)
Kells Archaeological and Historical Society (Willie Carr)
Management Planning Unit, National Parks and Wildlife Service (Gemma Weir)
Meath An Taisce (Ed Wheeler)
Meath County Council - Community IT (Siobhan O'Connor)
Meath LEADER (Michael Ludlow)
Meath LEADER (Tom Philips)
Meath Tourism (Michelle Whelan)
Meath Youth Federation (Martha Fennessy)
Mills and Millers of Ireland (Tommy Tallon)
Moynalty Stream Threshing Committee (Betty Smith)
Moynalty Tidy Towns (Gerard Farrell)
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Navan Traveller Workshops Ltd (Michael MacDonagh)
OPW-Battle of Boyne (Aisling McMahan)
Rathfeigh Historical Society (Joan Gallagher)
Rathfeigh Historical Society (Leo Curran)
Royal Grey Partridge Society (Brendan Markey)
Scoil Mhuire
Society of Archivists, Ireland (Lisa McElhinney)
Sonairte National Ecology Centre (Natasha Kalvas)
Tara Heritage Preservation Group (Brenda Ferris)
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Appendix IV Heritage Legislation

National and EU Legislation

Heritage and Planning

- Planning and Development Acts 2000 – 2004;
- Heritage Act 1995;
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive (Council Directive 85/337/EEC);
- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive (Council Directive 2001/42/EC)

Built heritage

- National Monuments Acts 1930 – 2004
- National Cultural Institutions Act 1997
- Architectural Heritage (National Inventory) and Historic Monuments (Misc. Provisions) Act 1999;
- Planning and Development Acts 2000 – 2004

Landscapes and Heritage Gardens & Parks

- Planning and Development Act 2000-2004

Museums and Archives

- Local Government Act 2001
- National Cultural Institutions Act 1997
- National Archives Act, 1986
- Data Protection Act, 1988
- Freedom of Information Act, 1997
- Employment Equality Act, 1998
- E-Commerce Act, 1999
- Health & Safety Act, 1989
- Organisation of Working Time Act, 1997
- ISO 15489, 2001

Natural Heritage and Waterways

- European Communities (Natural Habitats) Regulations, 1997
- Fisheries Acts 1959 – 1999
- Harbours Acts 1996 – 2000
- Sea Pollution Acts 1991 – 1999;
- Wildlife Act 1976
- Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000
- Whale Fisheries Act 1937
- Birds Directive (Council Directive 79/409/EEC)
- Freshwater Fish Directive (Council Directive 78/659/EC)
- Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC)
- Water Framework Directive (Council Directive 2000/60/EC)

International Conventions and Agreements which Ireland has signed and ratified in relation to heritage protection include:

- European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (Valletta Convention) 1997 (www.conventions.coe.int)

- European Convention on the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe (Granada Convention) 1997 (www.conventions.coe.int)
- UNESCO Convention for the protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (ratified 1992) (<http://whc.unesco.org>)
- Convention on the Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention), 1971 (ratified, 1984)
- Convention on the Conservation of European and Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Berne Convention) 1979 (ratified 1982)
- Convention of Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (Bonn Convention), 1979 (ratified 1983)
- Convention on Biological Diversity , 1992 (ratified, 1996)
- Agreement on Conservation of Bats in Europe (Bonn Convention), 1993 (ratified, 1995)
- International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1994 (1996)
- Agreement of the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA) (Bonn Convention), 1996
- Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy (endorsed 1995)
- European Landscape Convention, 2000 (ratified, 2002)
- Burra Charter (adopted 1999)
- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), 1974.