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Department of Tourism, Culture,  
Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media

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(Please quote in all related correspondence)

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EU and International Planning Regulation Unit,  
Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government,  
Custom House,  
Dublin.

Via email [euplanningregulation@housing.gov.ie](mailto:euplanningregulation@housing.gov.ie)

**Re: PROPOSED UPDATE OF THE SUSTAINABLE URBAN HOUSING: DESIGN  
STANDARDS FOR NEW APARTMENTS -GUIDELINES FOR PLANNING AUTHORITIES  
(March, 2018).**

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I refer to correspondence received in connection with the above. Outlined below are heritage-related observations/recommendations co-ordinated by the Development Applications Unit under the stated heading(s).

### **Nature Conservation**

The Department has received notification from the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage under Regulation 9(5) of the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations, 2004, of a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) screening assessment in relation to the draft updated *Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments - Guidelines for Planning Authorities* (March, 2018).

The Department acknowledges receipt of the following documents which were circulated as part of the notification to the Minister:

1. Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report
2. Appropriate Assessment Screening report
3. Draft updated Guidelines
4. Notice under Regulation 9(5) of the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations, 2004.

The Department notes the conclusion in relation to SEA that the draft updated Guidelines are not likely to have any significant effects on the environment and do not require SEA, and is in agreement with the conclusions reached.

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In relation to appropriate assessment the Department notes that the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage intends to screen the updated Guidelines for appropriate assessment pursuant to the requirements of Regulation 42(2) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011. The Department further notes the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report which has been prepared, notes the conclusion that the draft updated Guidelines are not likely to have a significant effect on a European site or sites, and is in agreement with the conclusion reached.

You are requested to send further communications to the Development Applications Unit (DAU) at [manager.dau@chg.gov.ie](mailto:manager.dau@chg.gov.ie), or to the following address:

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