

APPENDIX F
NPWS SUBMISSION

An Roinn Cultúir,
Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta
Department of Culture,
Heritage and the Gaeltacht



Planning Ref: **177AE Dursey Island**
(Please quote in all related correspondence)
24/10/2019

Director of Services – Planning
An Bord Pleanála
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Via email bord@pleanala.ie

Re: Notification to the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht under Article 28 (Part 4) or Article 82 (Part 8) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended.

AN BORD PLEANÁLA
25 OCT 2019

Planning Department
-4 NOV 2019
Cork County Council
County Hall

Proposed Development: Dursey Island Cable Car

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On behalf of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, I refer to correspondence received in relation to the above.

Outlined below are heritage-related observations/recommendations of the Department under the stated heading(s).

Nature Conservation

Based on scientific knowledge, the information contained in the NIS and EIAR, and consultations with experts, the Department is of the view that this proposed development - provided it incorporates the conservation and mitigation measures proposed - will not adversely affect the integrity of a Natura 2000 site, and is unlikely to have a significant adverse effect on the biodiversity of Natura 2000 sites, other protected sites, protected species, or biodiversity generally, subject to an additional precautionary mitigation measure.

In terms of biological diversity, the Department notes that Ireland is of particular importance for Chough; and that Dursey Island is an important site (and SPA) for Chough.

There is one nest site identified in a building on Dursey Island where disturbance could potentially be an issue of concern. The Department is of the view that in order to rule out any possible effects on the Chough, additional mitigation (beyond that in the reports) should be put in place to guarantee this (potential) nest site is not subject to disturbance by visitors to the island.



NPWS also recommend that:

- The mitigation, conservation measures and environmental controls to protect and conserve biodiversity set out in the reports must be implemented.
- The post project monitoring proposed should be carried out to ensure compliance with mitigation and conservation measures, EIA monitoring, and more generally to contribute to the knowledge base for biodiversity.

Having undertaken a review of this proposal (including consideration of requirements of EU biodiversity Directives; and broader consideration of biodiversity), the Department's view and recommendation is that it can see no biodiversity reason why this application cannot be granted, provided the mitigation, conservation measures and environmental controls set out in the reports and the one specified here are implemented.

You are requested to send further communications to this Department's Development Applications Unit (DAU) via **eReferral**, where used, or to manager.dau@chg.gov.ie; if emailing is not possible, correspondence may alternatively be sent to:

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