Noreen Mulcahy

From: Maurice Hurley [redacted]
Sent: 06 April 2017 16:56
To: Lucy Teehan
Cc: Kevin Lynch
Subject: Planning Application TP
Attachments: planning application tp 1737279 archaeology.doc

Dear Lucy

Attached please find report as requested.

Regards

Maurice

Evaluation of Chapter 12, Archaeological Heritage

By

Maurice F. Hurley, ***D.Litt, MA, FSA, MIAI***

For

Cork City Council

Re: TP 17/37279

The chapter (Chapter 12) entitled *Archaeological Heritage* is considered adequate regarding the assessment of the likely ancient and medieval archaeological resource of the site but inadequate regarding the likely modern archaeological material.

The modern history/archaeology of the site is not adequately addressed, especially in regard to the functions of the institution known as the Good Shepherd Convent and regarding material likely to lie within the site as a consequence of the practises within such institutions. The research presented is lacking a factual account of the arrangements for daily life, industry etc within the institution and more importantly does not assess the likely issues surrounding burial practices in Magdalene Laundries. This aspect is particularly important in the light of recent evidence from other comparable institutions in Ireland. In particular, the arrangements for burials of children within such institutions has, of recent years been the focus of archaeological

investigations. It is now considered normal that archaeologists are required (licensed under the National Monuments Acts) to act as lead investigators of forensic teams to resolve issues concerning the identification of poorly documented burial places within the grounds of former religious orders where mothers and their children were institutionalised. The matter of resolving such issues must form part of any archaeological report supporting a planning application for redevelopment within the grounds of former Magdalene Laundry/Orphanages. As with more ancient material, all aspects of the social, religious and cultural practises that leave physical remains require appraisal as well as details of appropriate mitigation.

A publication (2011) by Cork City Council entitled *Cork City's Burial Places: A study of the Cemeteries, Graveyards and Burial Places,* details burial places and practises within Cork City. This book was complied as an advice document for archaeological issues concerning burial grounds. There is an entry (p. 65/66) on the Good Shepherd Convent (former) Burial Grounds. There is no reference to this publication in the archaeological assessment for the proposed redevelopment at the Good Shepherd Convent. This is a significant oversight as several issues not addressed in the archaeological assessment are included in this publication.

While the archaeological assessment states that '*features or deposits and/or unknown burials cannot be discounted*' (the statement on page 210) '*there is no indication to suggest that such remains are present.* The absence of indication is not sufficient to allay concerns that such burials may exit. It is more appropriate to exhaust all research possibilities to provide greater assurances as the recovery of such burials in the course of construction would have unacceptable negative consequences for the proposal.

I recommend that further information is sought regarding;

1. Research on the records of residents of the Institution, numbers of recorded deaths and recorded burials.
2. An assessment of the likely occurrence of undocumented burials of children in the context of evidence from comparable institutions in Ireland.
3. A detailed mitigation measures to identify possible undocumented burial places and graves. Geophysical survey and test trenches of all anomalies identified in the geophysical survey is considered appropriate. The testing should be conducted by a team with appropriate expertise in the matter of identifying burials. A detailed method statement for this research should be submitted to the Planning Authority and also accompany a licence application to the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs and The National Museum of Ireland.
4. The significance of the Magdalene or 'penitents' graveyard, while not within the boundary of the current proposal cannot be discounted. The enhancement of access to the Nuns Graveyard (with the boundary) cannot be presented as a '*slight positive impact*' (p. 212) while dismissing the adjoining Magdalene burial ground to the northwest as '*outside the development boundary*' without inadvertently endorsing the concept that one is more important than the other.

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From: Ciara Brett [/o=cork city council/ou=first administrative group/cn=recipients/cn=cbrett]
Sent: 28 February 2017 14:52
To: Maurice Hurl[redacted]
Subject: Beamish and Crawford Archaeological Requirements

Hi Maurice,

Following our meeting on site on Thursday 23rd February 2017 I note the following:

In compliance with Condition 14 (PL 28.239383) I note that archaeological excavation is currently being undertaken at 3 areas within the site
a) ramp and basement area in Zone A
b) line of City Wall at western edge of site
c) site of St Lawrence's Church at south-eastern end of site within Zone C

- Given the significant nature of the archaeological material being recorded in the ramp location it is required that full excavation of the entire ramp is undertaken. This should include the entrance area also. Given that piling is necessary in the adjacent areas it is also required that the proposed piling layout is submitted to the Local Authority. The layout and number of piles needs to ensure that the archaeological deposits on the site will not be adversely affected (Condition 14 (b)). I believe that given a secant pile needs to be inserted also it may be necessary to excavate outside the line of the ramp to ensure the adequate protection and recording (if required) of the archaeological material. Further discussion and clarification on the foundation design and piling layout, with the City Archaeologist is required.

- The line of the city wall (CO074-34/02) has been located in the area to the west of the proposed basement. The *in-situ* preservation of the city wall is required. The size of the buffer zone required to protect the wall is dependent on the fragility of the remains, the character of the buried environment and the type of construction impact affecting them. Further discussion on the piling grid and the buffer zone is required with the City Council's Archaeologist.

- Given the form and condition of the masonry uncovered at the south-eastern end of the site it can be concluded that the remains are that of St. Lawrence's (Nicholas?) Church. In spite of the level of modern disturbance in this part of the site c.60% of the church is intact. The *in-situ* preservation of this RMP (CO074-34/11) is required. The piling layout will require discussion with the City Council's Archaeologist.

Given that I will shortly be going on [redacted] and that my replacement has not yet been appointed I would recommend that the proposals for the pile layout are forwarded to the National Monuments Service for review (in compliance with 14 (b) as no Planning Authority Archaeologist will be available, in the short-term).

All the best,

Ciara

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Sent: 28 February 2017 14:52
To: Maurice Hurley [redacted]
Subject: Beamish and Crawford Archaeological Requirements

Hi Maurice

I am sending on my requirements for the Beamish and Crawford in a separate email. If you wish to discuss please let me know asap as I will be finishing up tomorrow.

All the best,

Ciara

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Sent: 02 March 2017 15:46
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Subject: Re: Event Centre site

Super, thanks.
Mf

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On 2 Mar 2017, at 15:19, Theo Cullinane <TCULLINANE@bamcontractors.ie> wrote:

> Hi Mick
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> Further to my email of last night I wish to state the following.
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> We have one of the most experienced and respected archaeological firms in the country in Dr Maurice Hurley working on the site. We have 6 full time archaeologists working on site for the last 5 months. We are working to the highest Archaeological standards and best practice under an archaeological licence 15E0521 issued to Dr Maurice Hurley by the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs. To receive this licence detailed method statements have been submitted outlining exactly how we are proceeding with the archaeological investigations. We have had several site visits by archaeological Representatives from both Cork City Council & the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs and no issues what so ever have been raised.
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> I trust this allays any fears your questioner may have regarding our approach to the archaeological integrity of the site.
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> Regards
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> Theo
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> Sent from my iPad

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From: Lconnolly@bamcontractors.ie
Sent: 13 April 2017 16:11
To: Pat Ledwidge
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Subject: RE: Visit to South Main Street Archaeological Excavations at South Main Street

Pat,

I refer to your email below and after speaking with Theo I confirm that Tuesday, 18th April at 14.00 is now in his diary.

Kind regards
Linda
For Theo Cullinane

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From: Pat Ledwidge [mailto:pat_ledwidge@corkcity.ie]
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Subject: Visit to South Main Street Archaeological Excavations at South Main Street

Theo,

Further to your kind invitation to visit the archaeological excavations at South Main Street, and have consulted the Chief Executive's diary, I would like to propose Tuesday, 18 April at 14.00.

You might confirm with me if suitable.

Best wishes,

Pat

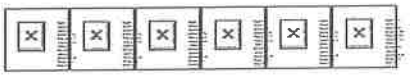
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