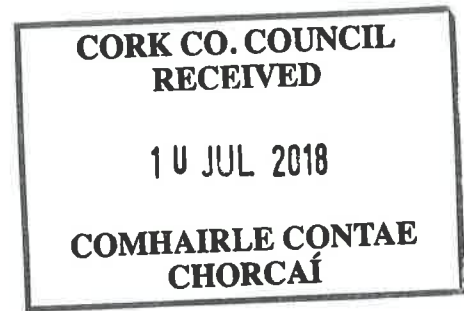




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Our Ref: 18/008627

Dear Ms Radley,

I refer to our correspondence on the 14 June 2018 to Josepha Madigan, TD, Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht in relation to sites and fortifications to be considered for placement on the World Heritage Tentative List.

The National Monuments Service (NMS) of the Department is currently planning to re-open Ireland's Tentative List to new applicants. Once this process commences, it will be seeking nominations of sites or properties of natural and/or cultural heritage which are considered to be of Outstanding Universal Value (OUV), for inclusion on the new Tentative List. This will be advertised in the national press and I recommend that you monitor their website www.worldheritageireland.ie. The Tentative List Application form and instructions on completing this form will also be made available through this website once applications open.

As your nomination will be made up of a series of related sites and fortifications, it will be known as a "serial nomination". For cultural properties, component parts should reflect clearly defined, cultural, social, historical or functional links over time. For natural properties, functional links between the component parts should be considered as including links that provide landscape, ecological, evolutionary or habitat connectivity. This overall concern also applies to the serial extensions of properties.

Each component part should contribute to the OUV of the property as a whole in a substantial, scientific, readily defined and discernible way, and may include, inter alia, intangible attributes. The resulting OUV should be easily understood and communicated.

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Applicants should include supporting photographs and images of the property so that the assessors can gain an insight into the proposed area or property. Another essential element within the application is letters of support from the relevant stakeholders and owners. Successfully engaging the property owners and the local communities in the proposed area is essential prior to the process. Please note that the level of commitment involved in preparing a site for eventual World Heritage Site inscription (subsequent to selection for the Tentative List) is considerable and takes several years.

I trust this will help with your understanding of the procedures and the Department looks forward to receiving your Tentative List application in due course.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Helen Francis', written over a horizontal line.

Helen Francis

Private Secretary