

TBR25 – Road Abandonment

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Response to Transboundary Consultation Representations – [REDACTED]

Representation Ref	Comment/Issue	Addressed in applicant's submissions to date?	Applicant's Response
TBA0243 – Pg. 2	The DfI proposal to abandon a stretch of public road and transfer it to a private goldmining company is unacceptable. This road is still actively used by locals and pilgrims visiting the Mass Rock, a sacred site dating from the Penal Laws era. The significance of this road to cultural, religious and historical identity cannot be overstated.		<p>The use of the track is addressed in detail in Appendix 2 of the Abandonment Statement of Case.</p> <p>Claims in respect of 'the mass rock' are addressed in section 2.1 of Appendix C15 of the ES (2017) and paragraphs 2.2 of RR15 on Cultural Heritage. In summary, there is no evidence of such an asset.</p>
TBA0596 – Pg. 4	The proposal to abandon a stretch of public road and grant it to the goldmining company is totally unacceptable as it is a much used accessible and multifunctional road for locals and the public.	y	<p>The claim that this is 'much used, accessible and multifunctional' is addressed in detail in Appendix 2 of the Abandonment Statement of Case.</p> <p>The Proposed New Road will be available for use and it is significantly safer than the track it is replacing.</p>
Pg. 4	The proposal to have the roadway abandoned is made all the more unacceptable because the road is connected to this ancient and historic Green Road and also because it is the access roadway for people and pilgrims visiting the Mass Rock.	Y	<p>Claims in respect of green road are addressed in Kevin McVitty's Rebuttal Report at Appendix 1 of the Abandonment Rebuttal Statement. In summary, there is no historic road and the County Court expressly rejected the assertion of a public right of way.</p>

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