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The *Mayo County Development Plan 2022-2028* includes the following relevant policies in relation to the protection of the archaeological and architectural heritage resource within the county:

- BEP 1: To support and promote the protection, appropriate management and sympathetic enhancement of the county's archaeological heritage within the Plan area, in particular by implementing the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the National Monuments Act 1930 (as amended).
- BEP 2: To promote awareness of and encourage the provision of access to, the archaeological resources of the county.
- BEP 3: To encourage the management and maintenance of the county's archaeological heritage, including historic burial grounds, in accordance
- BEP 4: To protect the architectural heritage of County Mayo which is a unique and special resource.
- BEP 5: To promote best conservation practice and encourage the use of appropriately qualified professional advisors, tradesmen and craftsmen with recognised conservation expertise, for works to protected structures or historic buildings in an Architectural Conservation Area.
- BEP 6: To encourage the conservation of Protected Structures, and where appropriate, the adaptive re-use of existing buildings and sites in a manner compatible with their character and significance.
- BEP 7: To protect buildings and structures included in the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) which forms part of this Plan.
- BEP 8: To encourage the retention, sympathetic maintenance and sustainable re-use of historic buildings, including vernacular dwellings or farm buildings and the retention of historic streetscape character, fabric, detail and features, where appropriate.
- BEP 9: To promote the retention and restoration of thatched dwellings as a key component of the built heritage of the county.
- BEP 10: To encourage the protection, retention, appreciation and appropriate revitalisation of the vernacular heritage of Mayo.
- BEP 11: To promote the sympathetic maintenance refurbishment and re-use of vernacular built heritage and to support the retention of original fabric such as windows, doors, renders/pub/shopfronts, roof coverings and interiors.
- BEP 12: To support proposals to appropriately refurbish and extend vernacular structures in a semi-derelict or derelict condition.
- BEP 13: To encourage the protection, conservation, promotion and enhancement of Country Houses, Gardens and Demesnes in the county and support public awareness, enjoyment of and access to these sites, where appropriate.
- BEP 14: To discourage development that would lead to a loss of, or cause damage to, the character, the principle components of, or the setting of Country Houses, Gardens and Demesnes in recognition of their contribution to cultural heritage, landscapes and green infrastructure. Architectural heritage impact assessment, including consideration of demesne and setting may be required for proposals.

CULTURAL HERITAGE PLANNING OBJECTIVES, CO. MAYO

The *Mayo County Development Plan 2022-2028* includes the following relevant objectives in relation to the protection of the archaeological and architectural heritage resource within the county:

- BEO 1: To protect the archaeological heritage and sites identified in the Record of Monuments and Places, National Monuments in the ownership or guardianship of the State in addition to National Monuments that are the subject of Preservation Orders, and to safeguard the integrity of the archaeological sites in their setting.
- BEO 2: To protect the tentative World Heritage Site in Mayo on the UNESCO Tentative List- Ireland 2010, The Céide Fields, from inappropriate development and support its nomination to World Heritage Status¹.
- BEO 3: To implement, in partnership with the County Mayo Heritage Forum, relevant stakeholders and the community, the County Mayo Heritage Plan, and any revisions thereof.
- BEO 4: To ensure that development in the vicinity of a Recorded Monument or Zone of Archaeological Potential is sited and designed in a sensitive manner, avoiding adverse effects on landscape setting and context of monument.
- BEO 5: To protect all sites and features of archaeological interest discovered subsequent to the publication of the Record of Monument and Places, in situ (or at a minimum preservation by record), having regard to the advice and recommendations of the National Monuments Service of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.
- BEO 6: To protect archaeological sites, monuments, underwater archaeology and archaeological objects in their setting, which are listed on the Record of Monuments and Places for Mayo.
- BEO 7: To promote awareness and the appropriate adaptation of Ireland's built and archaeological heritage to deal with the effects of climate change with reference to the Built and Archaeological Heritage Climate Change and Adaptation Plan.
- BEO 8: To review and update the Record of Protected Structures within 12 months of adopting this plan, and on-going basis, and to make additions and deletions, as appropriate. Where exceptional circumstances apply, that discretion would be applied to work with affected parties.
- BEO 9: To ensure the protection and sympathetic enhancement of buildings and structures included and proposed for inclusion in the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) that are of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social, or technical interest, together with the integrity of their character and setting.
- BEO 10: To protect the setting of protected structures and seek to prevent the demolition or inappropriate alteration of Protected Structures, which would adversely impact on the character and special interest of the structure, where appropriate.
- BEO 11: To ensure that any new development or alteration to a building within or adjoining an Architectural Conservation Area positively enhances the character of the area and is appropriate in terms of the proposed materials, scale, density, layout, proportions, plot ratio and building lines.
- BEO 12: To identify places of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social, or technical interest, and to define them as Architectural Conservation Areas and to undertake an assessment to inform the potential ACA designation for the following areas: Castlebar, Ballinrobe, Killala, Pontoon and Doogort or any other special character areas considered by the Planning Authority worthy of such protection in County Mayo.
- BEO 13: To protect the built heritage of Ballina, Castlebar and Westport, including the protected structures listed in the existing town and environs development plans and seek to review the Record of

¹ Note that the Céide Fields have not been included in Ireland's latest Tentative List (2022) for World Heritage status.

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Protected Structures for County Mayo to incorporate protected structures from the plan areas of these towns.

- BEO 14: To identify and retain good examples of vernacular architecture and historic street furniture in situ, for example, cast-iron post boxes, water pumps, signage, street lighting, kerbing and traditional road and street surface coverings.
- BEO 15: To ensure that conversions or extensions of traditional buildings or the provision of new adjoining buildings, are sensitively designed and do not detract from the character of the historic building.
- BEO 16: To update the survey of surviving thatched structures in the county and to promote available grant schemes in order to assist owners with their retention and repair.
- BEO 17: To preserve the character and setting (for example, gates, gate piers and courtyards) of historic building and vernacular buildings, where deemed appropriate by the planning authority.