

MEMO

To: Eoghan Lynch
From: Jim Higgins
Date: 19/10/2023
Re: Draft report for SPC Meeting- Menlo Castle Works, 2023

Dear Eoghan,

The commencement of work this year was delayed because of the continued presence of barn owls, kestrels and bats into October. Under the wildlife act , works cannot commence until September.

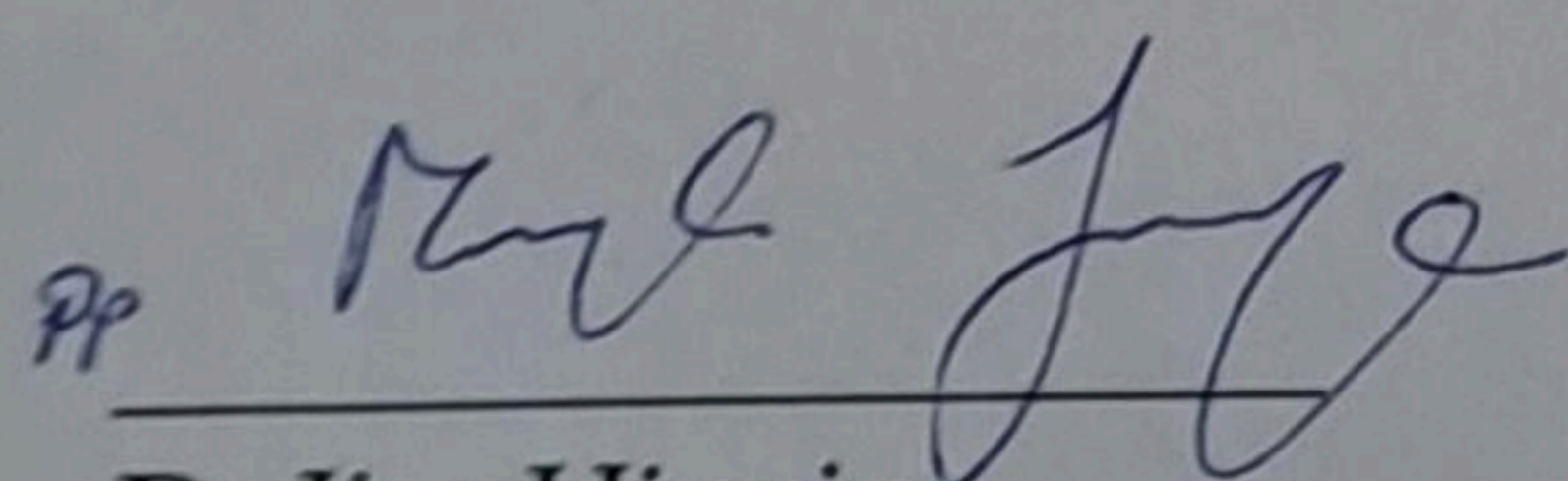
This year because of concerns for the protected wildlife species work only started on October 16th when the area of the castle to be worked on was scaffolded.

Loose slate weater sheeting slates were gathered and the clearing of loose soil and rubble from window and niche ledges , and other sections begun the identification of and the sorting of architectural stone fragments by the heritage officer and the archaeologist began and dimensions of reinforcement lintels were checked.

We have applied for an extension of time to the end of November for this phase of the works and have also applied for extra funding for this phase.

€85,000 will be spent this year and an additional €25,000 has been applied for but we do not yet know whether we will get it.

An account of the spending will be provided to the next meeting or as soon as we have the figures available to us.



Dr Jim Higgins
Heritage Officer
Galway City Council.