

Criteria for requesting Restoration Method Statements - Nature

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ERA may request a Restoration Method Statement – Nature (RMS) where the site is considered to merit environmental restoration and ERA is seeking the retention and/or reinstatement of the original characteristics of the site/area, including landform, topography, habitats/ecology, species and/or natural features. These sites are not restricted to environmentally protected areas, as not all sites, areas and features meriting conservation have been formally designated for protection as yet. In particular, an RMS may be requested as a consequence of:

- ERA's communication in connection with any relevant application for development consent, or as a follow-up of such consent;
- conditions attached to a development consent or other relevant environmental legal requirement, including non-compliance with such conditions or legal requirements;
- damage or degradation caused as a result of construction works connected with the execution of a development project or other similar site interventions; and
- other circumstances which ERA considers relevant with respect to obligations and requirements arising from the Environment Protection Act, 2016.