

An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade



12th November 2025

South Dublin County Council,
County Hall, Tallaght,
Dublin 24,
D24 AX3C

**Re: Item 88477 – October 2025 Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin Area
Committee Meeting.**

Dear Ms Maguire,

Thank you for your letter dated 4 November 2025, requesting an update regarding the excavation and repatriation efforts in the search for Patrick Sarsfield's remains.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is aware of these efforts, however, is not involved in the project and is therefore unable to provide an update. The project is run and led by a group of volunteers, "The Sarsfield Homecoming Project" headed by Dr Loic Guyon, Honorary Consul of France, and is entirely crowd-funded and supported.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has not received any information indicating that Patrick Sarsfield's remains have been located, and therefore no plans or discussions regarding potential repatriation have been initiated.

In order to obtain an update of latest developments with the project I would direct you to Dr Loic Guyon, who can be contacted directly via his LinkedIn account (<https://ie.linkedin.com/in/dr-loic-guyon>).

Yours sincerely,

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