

Waterford City Council
City Hall
The Mall Waterford

Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing in connection with the recent discovery of the magnificent site at Woodstown. I am a resident of Waterford and I have been very interested in the limited amount which I have been able to learn about the site to date. I understand that a large part of the area is currently in the possession of Waterford City Council and I would like to add my voice to those calling for an archaeological excavation of the settlement.

Minister Roche has been reported in both national and local media as holding out the possibility that government funds might be provided for such a task and I feel it is important that we exploit this possibility.

Woodstown has the potential to provide fantastic new information on Waterford's maritime and Scandinavian heritage and its location, on the outskirts of the new WIT campus at Carriganore, is an obvious asset to be exploited by a research and training group based in that location. Such a group could not only investigate and publish the evidence from Woodstown but could also be instrumental in providing technical and business-orientated courses of the type in which WIT already excels.

The many contract archaeological firms currently working in Ireland are crying out for such facilities and we could thus marry the need for Waterford to investigate and exploit this unique discovery with the provision of courses which could attract students from throughout the country.

Thanking you,