Figure 10: View of earthworks (and saturated archaeologist) at Corracloona
6.0 POTENTIAL EXCAVATION LOCATION B
- BPD-002 GORTNADERRY, CO. LEITRIM

Coordinates
195891, 345611

Accessibility
Located c.440m east of a local public road. There is a farm track that leads close to the site and may provide more convenient access. During the fieldwalking the site was approached from the west through thick cultivated forestry. This would not be a practical approach. The field containing the potential site is poorly drained to the point of being waterlogged in places. It is relatively clear of brambles and gorse.

Description
Shown as large banked section of the Black Pig's Dyke on the historic maps; the bank and ditch are still clearly evident. A ditch has been dug along a field boundary (which is shown on the historic maps). This ditch exposed a section in the bank c.60cm deep and 1.2m wide.
Plates

Figure 11: Bank section from the west
Figure 12: Black Pigs Dyke at Gortnaderry
7.0 POTENTIAL EXCAVATION LOCATION A  
- BPD-002 LATTONE, CO. LEITRIM

Coordinates
195332, 346498

Accessibility
Located c.110m northeast of a local public road. The field containing the potential site is well drained and relatively clear of brambles and gorse.

Description
Shown as a single banked section of the Black Pig's Dyke on the historic maps. The bank is still evident on the ground. Relatively recent drain/ditch has been cut through both. There is some tree growth on the bank but there are clear sections of bank evident under the moss. The bank material is mid brown and sandy in composition and sits over glacial till. The bank is cut to a depth of 1.4m. 1m of this is bank material.
Plates

Figure 13: Section of Bank from the South

Figure 14: Double Bank and Ditch from the south
Figure 15: Black Pig's Dyke at Lattone (with Shetland ponies impeding view)
8.0 POTENTIAL EXCAVATION LOCATION H - BPD-005 TONYMORE SOUTH, CO. LONGFORD

Coordinates
237810, 280151

Accessibility
Located c.350m northeast of a farm laneway. The site is accessed via a large pasture field. The field containing the potential site is well drained and relatively clear of brambles and gorse.

Description
This section of the Black Pig's Dyke is not shown on the historic mapping although it is clearly visible on both the aerial photography and on the ground. The remains consist of two low wide banks and a shallow ditch between them. A field drain cuts the bank and ditch. The section could not be investigated as the drain contained thick hedge growth.
Potential Excavation Location
 Plates

 Figure 16: Path through the bank from the southwest

 Figure 17: Path through the bank from the northeast
9.0 POTENTIAL EXCAVATION LOCATION G
- BPD-006 TROMRA, CO. LONGFORD

Coordinates
233304, 283047

Accessibility
Located where a large stretch of surviving dyke is cut by a local public road. The road
is lined with a ditch and hedgerow which cuts the bank and ditch cleanly.
Accessibility should not be an issue.

Description
Shown as large banked and ditched section of the Black Pig's Dyke on the historic
maps. The bank and ditch survive and are in very good condition. The field is
relatively well drained.
Plates

Figure 18: Bank and Ditch from the northwest

Figure 19: The hedgerow cutting the bank from the north
10.0 ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL EXCAVATION SITES

The good preservation of the earthworks, ease of accessibility and good potential to expose substantial sections through the banks to enable OSL dating is available at Lattone, Co. Leitrim (Excavation location A) (BPD-002) and Tromra, Co. Longford (Excavation location G) (BPD-006). Accordingly, it is proposed to apply to the National Monuments Service for licences to excavate at both these locations.