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# Irish perspectives - the challenges and opportunities for heritage

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## Ireland's World Heritage

- World Heritage Convention ratified by Ireland in 1991
- Brú na Bóinne inscribed 1993
- Sceilg Mhichíl inscribed 1996







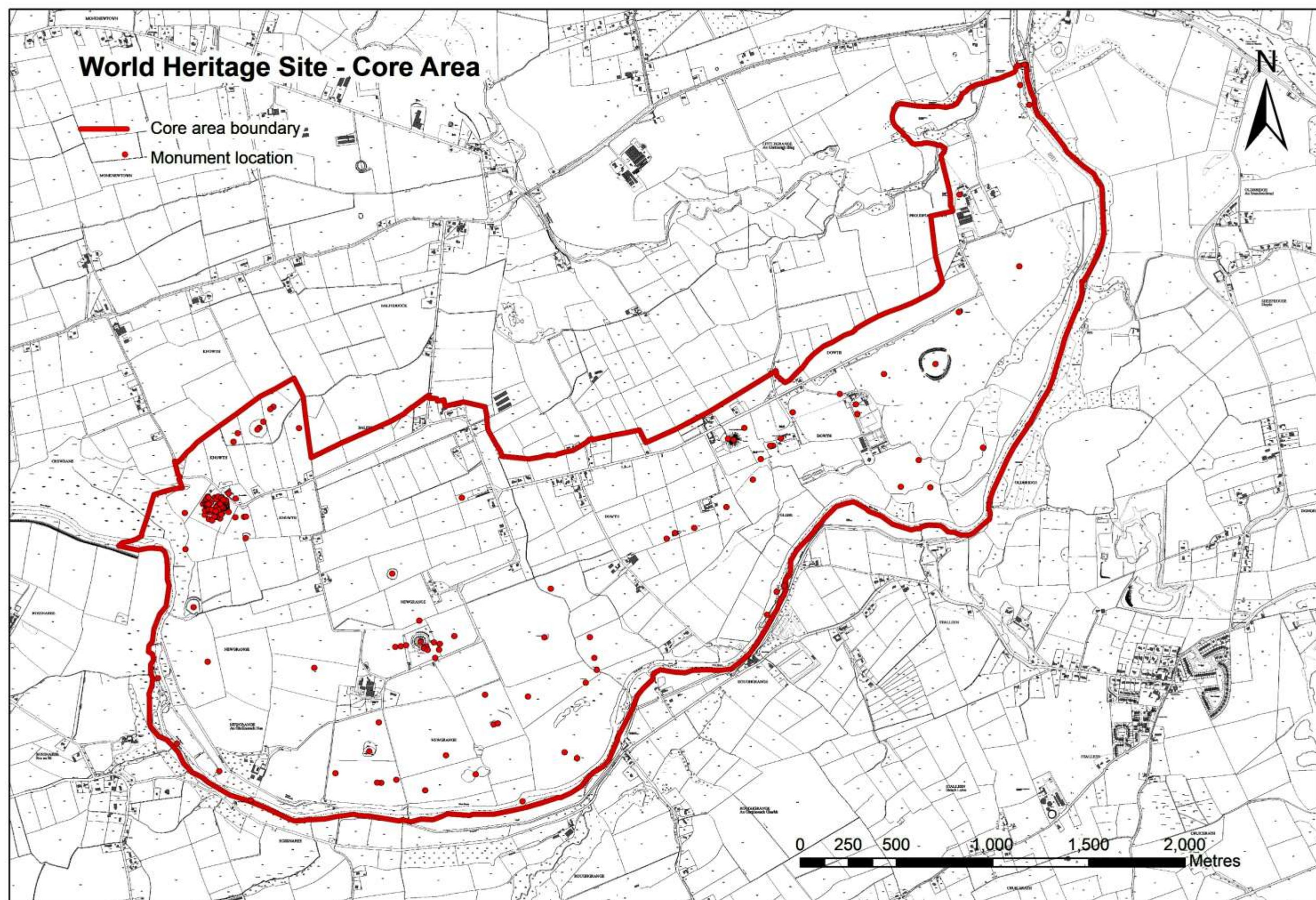
Sceilg Mhichíl





Brú na Bóinne





## Brú na Bóinne

- Core Area- 780 hectares
- Over 150 monuments and rising





*Prehistoric enclosure in Boyne Valley World Heritage Site  
Summer 2018*



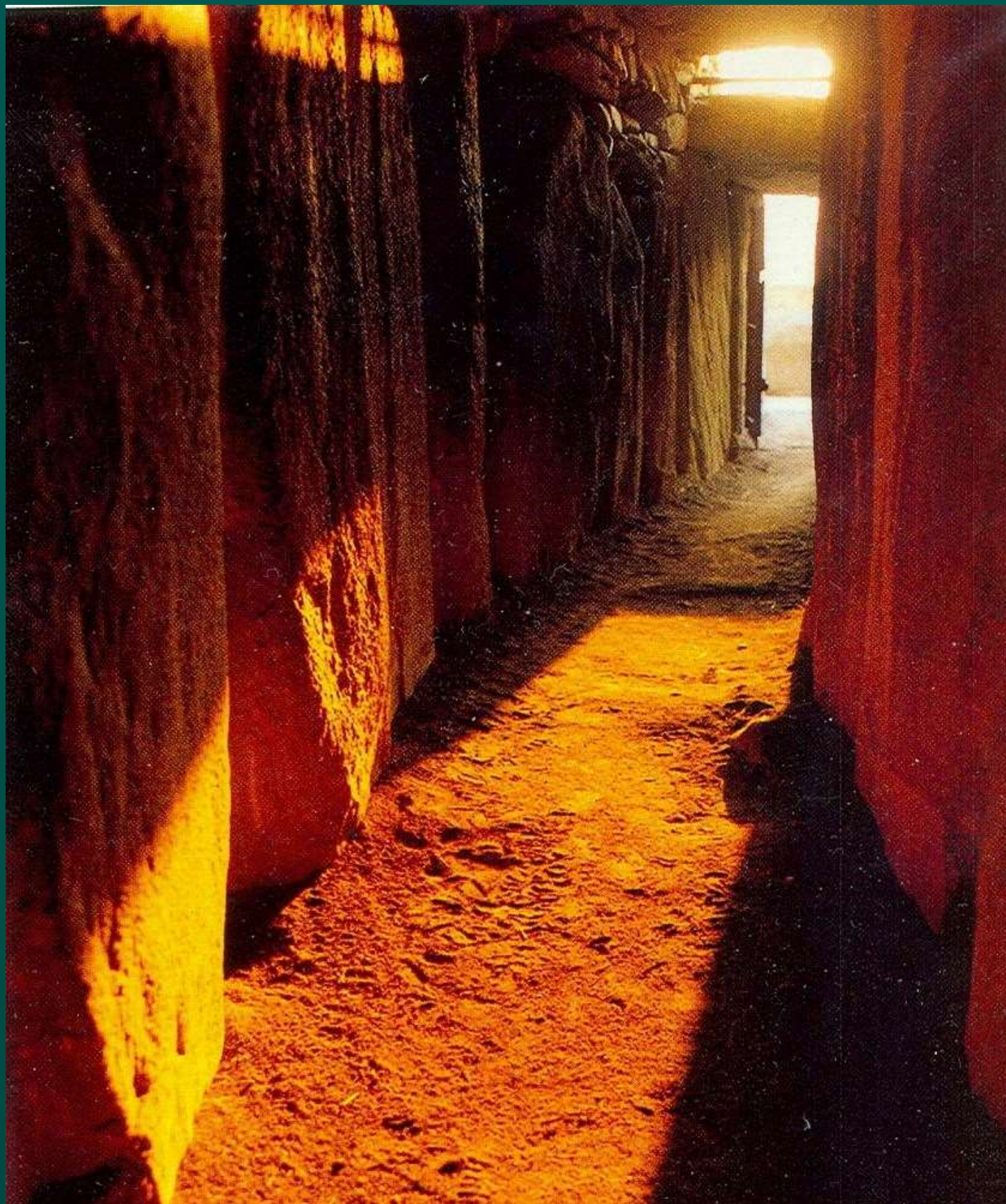






- Rural community
- A living landscape
- About 200 residents
- Challenges of OUV vs development and planning
- Mistakes made in the past with lack of community involvement





Community has always been central to Bru na Boinne





Ongoing €5 million investment in visitor facilities and interpretation- to open next month



# Management Plan

Renewed focus by us as State Party to engage with implementation of Plan with community participation as central

Establishment of Community Forum, & a wide stakeholder Steering group



Brú na Bóinne  
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MANAGEMENT PLAN

January 2017

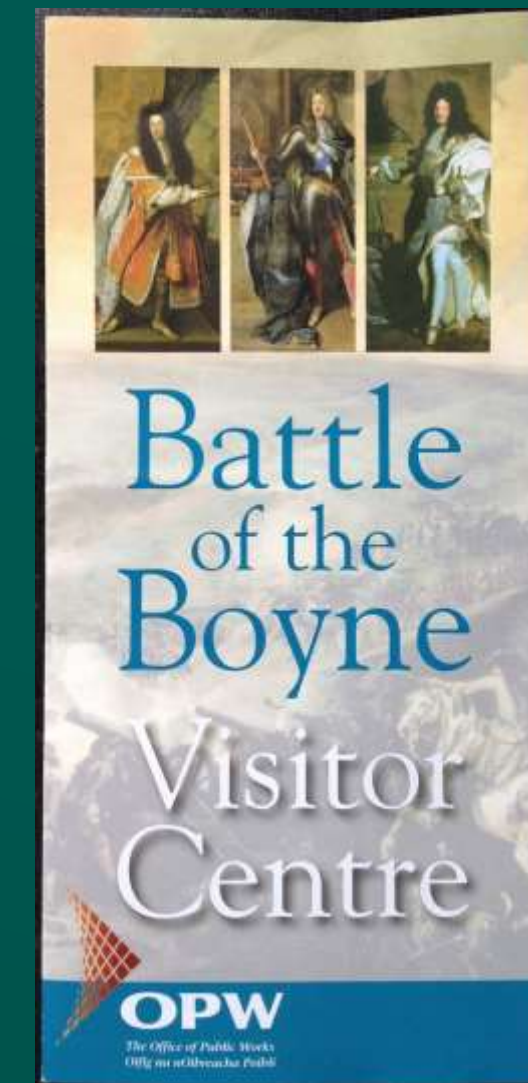


# Review of the World Heritage Tentative List

## Process for Ireland's Tentative List 2020

- January 2019 - call for applications announced- the Department is assisting, meeting and advising applicants.
- Quarter 1 2020 - Workshop to engage communities and stakeholders in the process of developing World Heritage Site nominations.
- June 2020- Closing date for applications
- Post-June 2020- screening and Expert Advisory Group review and recommendations
- Department will make the final decision.
- We are informed by failures of the past to properly engage communities in the process- bottom up.





Building bridges -  
Shared &  
Contested  
Heritage







Ireland's Soft Power





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- Global Ireland- Government strategy to double the scope and impact of Ireland's global footprint by 2025.
- Diaspora of between 80-100 million.
- Five high-profile Cultural Ambassadors appointed.

