



An
Bord
Pleanála

Oral Hearing Agenda PL06F.248544

Date	26 th September 2017
Start Time	10AM
Location	An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1

The purpose of the oral hearing is to provide an opportunity for all participants, who wish to do so, to make further submissions beyond their written submissions, and to allow the inspector to seek clarification on any relevant issues arising and submissions made. Participants will also have the opportunity to ask questions or seek clarification on submissions made at the hearing.

The following should be noted:

- There is no obligation on any participants to make a submission to the oral hearing or to ask questions of the other participants. All written submissions already received will be considered by the inspector and the Board. For this reason, submissions previously made in writing should not be reiterated at the oral hearing.
- If you intend to provide written copies of your presentations these can only be accepted if there are copies available for all the participants at the hearing. Two copies of any written documentation should also be submitted for the Board file.
- The agenda and order of appearance for the oral hearing is set out below, along with a timetable. Participants should please note that this timetable is indicative only, and may vary during the course of the oral hearing.

- On completion of the oral hearing, the inspector will prepare a report and recommendation on the case for the Board. The decision to grant or refuse permission will be made by the Board.

In its submission to the hearing the applicant is requested to address the following specific issues:

- The proposed grid connection (including substation), to accommodate the proposed development, and the future grid connection to accommodate possible further development of the indicative masterplan lands. In this regard, the Board notes the applicant's opinion that the proposed substation and grid connection does not constitute Strategic Infrastructure Development. The Board would, however, draw the applicant's attention to the provisions under Section 182B, including the definition of 'transmission' under subsection (9), and under the Seventh Schedule of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, and advise that the issues arising thereunder may warrant further elaboration at the hearing.
- Energy usage, including potential cumulative energy usage arising from the build out of the indicative masterplan for data centre expansion on the subject site, and having regard to the potential energy usage for anticipated data centre development in Ireland as per EirGrid's capacity statement 2017-2026;
- The implications of potential cumulative energy usage arising from the build out of indicative masterplan and anticipated data centre development in Ireland on meeting the state's current (and future) obligations on climate change, energy use and carbon emissions;
- The likely significant cumulative effects arising from the build out of the indicative masterplan on each factor of the environment and the mitigation of same. This should consider, in particular, but not be limited to air and climate, material assets, and the landscape;
- The absence of a policy framework specifically concerning data centres in view of the high energy demands of data centre facilities and Ireland's energy policy context;

- The projected timeframe for implementation of ADSIL's indicative masterplan in view of the company's growth projections in cloud compute and related services.

Agenda

Day 1 - 26th September 2017	
Time	Topic
10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening of oral hearing
AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Summary of proposed development (max. 10 minutes) ○ Response to issues raised in appeals and other specific issues to be addressed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prescribed bodies, followed by questioning as necessary
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning authority
13:00 – 14:00	Break
PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appellants' submissions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observers' submissions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questioning between the parties
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing comments in the following order: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Appellants ○ Prescribed bodies ○ Planning Authority ○ Applicant
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing of oral hearing
Day 2 – 27th September	
The Oral Hearing may continue on 27 th September if necessary.	

Appendix: Order of Appearance for Appellants and Observers

Appellants

1. Allan Daly
2. David Hughes

Observers

1. Carmel McCormack