

Seamus Grant

From: Colin Andrew <candrew@iol.ie>
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To: Seamus Grant
Subject: Imminent Application for Planning by Eirgrid N-S Interconnector

Dear Sir

I read with some consternation that EirGrid intend to submit for planning their N-S Interconnector project in the near future.

I had believed that under the terms of the Aarhus and Espoo Treaties (to which Ireland is a signatory) and also under EU Law and the Gunning Principles of consultation that EirGrid must commence consultation with the public at an early stage and before either technology or final routes had been decided upon and that they must take into consideration the outcome of such consultancy.

However the simple fact is that EirGrid have not conducted any form of consultation whatsoever with any of my neighbours (both householders and landowners) and having spoken to many of my neighbours I cannot find any single person who has been consulted.

Surely this makes a mockery of the entire planning system when the basic requirement to consult with the public has not been undertaken in any way by the prospective developer ?

I would hope that ABP will be bringing this major omission to EirGrid's attention and will require them to commence meaningful consultation on technology and route options with the threatened public.

Sincerely

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