

Board Direction BD-017889-24 ABP-317568-23

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 16/10/2025.

The Board decided to grant permission generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations, and subject to the following conditions.

Reasons and Considerations

The proposed development, comprising the uprating of the existing Gorman to Platin 110kV Overhead line in a sensitive manner, would support and facilitate the development of enhanced electricity supply to serve existing and future need and is, therefore, in accordance with the provisions of policy INF POL 46 of the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027, National Strategic Outcome NS08 of the National Planning Framework, Objectives RPO 8.25, RPO 10.20 and RPO 10.22 of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy. Having regard to the nature and scale of the proposed development it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would be in accordance with the zoning objectives within the settlement of Duleek, would not have an unacceptable impact on the landscape or biodiversity, would not seriously injure the visual or residential amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity and would be acceptable in terms of flood risk. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

 The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions. Where such conditions

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require details to be agreed with the planning authority, the developer shall agree such details in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development and the development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. The mitigation measures contained in the submitted Natura Impact Statement (NIS), shall be implemented.

Reason: To protect the integrity of European Sites.

3. Site development and building works shall be carried out between the hours of 0700 to 1900 Mondays to Fridays inclusive, between 0800 to 1400 on Saturdays and not at all on Sundays and public holidays. Deviation from these times shall only be allowed in exceptional circumstances where prior written agreement has been received from the planning authority.

Reason: To safeguard the amenity of property in the vicinity.

4. A Construction and Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to the commencement of development. The CEMP shall include but not be limited to construction phase controls for dust, noise and vibration, waste management, protection of soils, groundwaters, and surface waters, site housekeeping, emergency response planning, site environmental policy, and project roles and responsibilities.

Reason: In the interest of environmental protection.

5. During the operational phase of the proposed development the noise level shall not exceed (a) 55 dB(A) rated sound level between the hours of 0700 to 2300, and (b) 45 dB(A) 15min and 60 dB LAfmax, 15min at all other times, (corrected for a tonal or impulsive component) as measured at the nearest noise sensitive location. Procedures for the purpose of determining compliance with this limit shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to

commencement of development.

Reason: To protect the amenities of property in the vicinity of the site

6. Prior to commencement of development, a Resource Waste Management Plan (RWMP) as set out in the EPA's Best Practice Guidelines for the Preparation of Resource and Waste Management Plans for Construction and Demolition Projects (2021) shall be prepared and submitted to the planning authority for written agreement. The RWMP shall include specific proposals as to how the RWMP will be measured and monitored for effectiveness. All records (including for waste and all resources) pursuant to the agreed RWMP shall be made available for inspection at the site office at all times.

Reason: In the interest of reducing waste and encouraging recycling.

7. A detailed construction traffic management plan shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. The plan shall include details of arrangements for routes for construction traffic, parking during the construction phase, the location of the compound for storage of plant and machinery and the location for storage of deliveries to the site.

Reason: In the interest of traffic safety and convenience.

Board Member Eamon James Vel Date: 17/10/2024

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Note

The Board noted the Climate Action Plan 2024 and that all bats are protected under the Habitats Directive as well as the Wildlife (Amendment) Act.

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