

Direction CD-020590-25 ABP-320137-24

The submissions on file and the inspector's report were considered at a Commission Meeting held on the 04/09/2025.

The Commission decided that the proposed development falls within the definition of energy infrastructure in the Seventh Schedule of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, thereby satisfying the requirements set out in Section 37A(1) of the Act.

The proposed development is also considered to be of strategic importance by reference to the requirements of Section 37A(2)(a) (b), and (c), of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. An application for permission for the proposed development must therefore be made directly to An Coimisiun Pleanala under Section 37E of the Act.

The Commission recommended the application documents should be forwarded the list of Prescribed Bodies below for their consultation and consideration for the purposes of Section 37E (3) (c) of the Act:

## Prescribed bodies

- Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and the Marine
- Minister for the Climate, Environment and Energy
- Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment
- Minister for Arts, Media, Communication, Culture and Sport
- Laois County Council.
- Kildare County Council
- Offaly County Council
- Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland.
- An Taisce
- An Chomhairle Ealaíon
- Fáilte Ireland
- The Heritage Council
- National Parks & Wildlife Service
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- Irish Water
- Irish Aviation Authority
- Health Service Executive
- Commission for Regulation of Utilities
- Office of Public Works

Planning

Commissioner:

Chris McGarry

Date: 04/09/2025