

An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Direction
CD-021895-26
ABP-321356-24

The submissions on file and the inspector's report were considered at a Commission Meeting held on the 04/02/2026. The Commission generally agreed with the Inspector's recommendation.

Having regard to the size, scale and length of the proposed downstream gas pipeline and associated development, and to the policy context, it is considered that the proposed development constitutes development that falls within the definition of 'strategic gas infrastructure development' set out in Section 182 (C) (1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended and 'strategic downstream gas pipeline' set out in Section 2 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

The proposed development is also considered to be of strategic importance by reference to the requirements of Sections 37A (2) (a) and (b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. An application for permission for the proposed development must therefore be made directly to An Coimisiún Pleanála under section 182 (C) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

Appendix A

Note 1: The following is a list of prescribed bodies considered relevant for the purposes of section 182C (4) (b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

- Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage (Development Applications Unit)
- Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications
- Minister for Transport
- the planning authority or authorities in the area or areas in which it is proposed to situate the proposed development (which may include inter alia

Offaly County Council, Kildare County Council, Meath County Council or Westmeath County Council depending on the final alignment of the route)

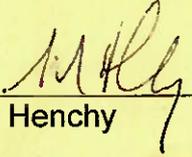
- Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- An Chomhairle Ealaíon
- An Taisce – the National Trust for Ireland
- Fáilte Ireland
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- Waterways Ireland
- Córas Iompair Éireann
- Railway Procurement Agency
- Railway Safety Commission
- Environmental Protection Agency
- The Heritage Council
- Health Service Executive
- Commission for Energy Regulation
- Uisce Éireann

Further notifications should also be made, where deemed appropriate.

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Commissioner:

Date: 06/02/2026



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