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(1) Request for meeting	
Request under section 182F of the Act:	Request for Design Flexibility in relation to a proposed tail fed substation and associated grid connection to connect to the existing 220/110kV Kellis Substation.
Request reference Number:	ABP-321858-25
Name of the requestor/ prospective applicant:	Ballyloo Solar Farm Limited
Location, townland or postal address of the land or structure to which the application relates (as may be appropriate):	Located in the townlands of Ballyloo, Linkardstown, Kilballyhue, Graiguenspiddoge, Castletown, Moyle Big, Kellistown West and Kellistown East, County Carlow.
Nature and extent of the proposed development.	Proposed tail fed substation with associated grid connection comprising of underground cabling to connect into the existing 220/110kV Kellis Substation.
Date of receipt of the request:	10 th February 2025
Opinion Reference Number:	ABP-321858-25
Date of Opinion:	18 th day of July 2025

(2) Was the following Information included where relevant, with the Flexibility Meeting Request under section 182F of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

Information	Enclosed with Request		
(a) A site location map sufficient to identify the land on which the proposed development would be situated.	Yes: [X]	No: []	
(b) A brief description of the nature and purpose of the proposed development and of its possible effects on the environment.	Yes: [X]	No: []	
(c) A draft layout plan of the proposed development.	Yes: [X]	No: []	
(d) A description of the details, or groups of details, of the proposed development that, owing to the circumstances set out in (e) below, are unlikely to be confirmed at the time of the proposed application.	Yes: [X]	No: []	
(e) A description of the circumstances relating to the proposed development that indicate that it is appropriate that the proposed application be made and decided, before the prospective applicant has confirmed the details referred to in (d) above.	Yes: [X]	No: []	
(f) An undertaking to provide with the proposed application, either - i. two or more options, in respect of each detail or group of details referred to in (d) above containing information on the basis of which the proposed application may be made and decided, ii. parameters within which each detail referred to in paragraph (d) above will fall and on the	Yes: [X]	No: []	

basis of which the proposed application may be made and decided, or iii. a combination of (i) and (ii).			
(g) Such other information, drawings or representations as the prospective applicant may wish to provide or make available.	Yes: []	No: []	N/A: [X]
(h) The appropriate fee.	Yes: []	No: []	N/A: [X]

At a meeting held on the 14th day of July 2025 the Commission considered the report of the Inspector, the documents submitted as part of the pre-application consultation under section 182F of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended on design flexibility.

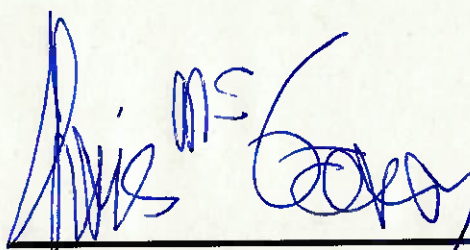
In this regard an opinion on design flexibility shall issue to the prospective applicant as set out below:

(3) Opinion of the Commission under section 182G of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.	
Information	Details/ Circumstances
a) The details, or groups of details, of the proposed development that may be confirmed after the proposed application has been made and decided.	1. Substation Design 110kV or 220kV, AIS Switchgear or GIS Switchgear 2. Underground Cable Connection (Two voltage design options 110kV/220kV and two design route options for the final 400 metre section).
b) The circumstances relating to the proposed development that indicate that it is appropriate that the	Recognition of the need to install project infrastructure efficiently within the context of specified parameters and options

proposed application be made and decided before the prospective applicant has confirmed the details referred to in paragraph (a) above.	whose potential impacts will be set out and fully assessed within any future application documentation.
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For each detail, or groups of details, referred to in paragraph 3(a) above, the proposed application shall, in addition to any other requirement imposed by or under the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, be accompanied by the information referred to in the undertaking submitted with the flexibility meeting request under section, 182F(2)(f) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

The proposed application must be consistent with the opinion provided in accordance with section 182G of the Act.



Chris McGarry

Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún

**Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Commission.**

Dated this

18th day of July

2025