

An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Direction
ABP-322413-25

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 16/09/2025.

The Commission decided, as set out in the following Order, that

Commission Order as follows:-

WHEREAS a question has arisen as to whether a 20kV grid connection route consisting of 0.577km of overhead line and 3.636km of underground cable between the customer substation (X628, 378 Y 772,961) granted planning under REF: 23/60010 and the 38/20kV ESB substation (X 625, 508, Y 772, 744) in Lissanore, Lios an Oir, Co Longford is or is not development or is or is not exempted development:

AND WHEREAS Natural Forces Renewable Energy Limited requested a declaration on this question from Longford County Council

AND WHEREAS Longford County Council referred the question for determination by An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 28th day of April 2025:

AND WHEREAS An Coimisiún Pleanála, in considering this referral, had regard particularly to:

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- (a) Sections 2(1), 3(1), 4 (2)(a)(i), 4 (4), 57 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended,
- (b) Articles 6(1) and article 9(1)(a) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended,
- (c) Part 1 Class 26 and Class 27 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended,

the planning history of the site in particular ACP Ref 317459

AND WHEREAS An Coimisiún Pleanála has concluded that:

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- (a) the provision of the overhead and underground electricity grid connection and associated works involves the carrying out of works and, therefore, constitutes development, under sections 2 and 3 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended,
- (b) the overhead and underground electricity grid connection involves works carried out by an electricity undertaker, and, having regard to the nature of those works, would come within the scope of Class 26 and Class 27 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, and would, therefore, constitute exempted development,
- (c) none of the restrictions on exempted development provided for under section 4 (4) or section 57 (1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, apply in this case, and,
- (d) restrictions on exempted development provided for under Article 9 (1) (a)(vii) and 9(1) (a)(viiA) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, apply in this case, and,
- (e) none of the other restrictions on exempted development provided for under Article 9 (1)(a) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, apply in this case, and,

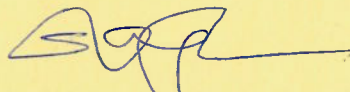
- (f) there are no other restrictions on exemption set out in the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and/or the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 that would apply in this instance.

NOW THEREFORE An Coimisiún Pleanála, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 5 (3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, hereby decides that An Coimisiún Pleanála, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 5 (3) (a) of the 2000 Act, hereby decides that the proposed 20kV grid connection route consisting of 0.577km of overhead line and 3.636km of underground cable between the customer substation (X628, 378 Y 772,961) granted planning under REF: 23/60010 and the 38/20kV ESB substation (X 625, 508, Y 772, 744) in Lissanore, Lios an Oir, Co Longford is development and is not exempted development.

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Commissioner:

Date: 17/09/2025



Emer Maughan