



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Direction
CD-021857-26
ACP-323874-25

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 03/02/2026.

The Commission decided, generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, to issue a determination that the proposed 8.1km underground 220kV connector and associated infrastructure falls within the scope of section 182A of the 2000 Act, as amended, and that a planning application should be made directly to the Coimisiún. A list of prescribed bodies is set out in Appendix 1.

Planning

Commissioner:

Eamonn James Kelly

Date: 03/02/2026

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Reasons and Considerations

The proposed 220kV substation, 220kV grid connection, and all associated works on lands at Rathmorrissy, Pollinagroagh, Moanbaun, Castlelambert, Knocknacreeva, Caraunduff, Caherbriskaun, Lisheenkyle East, Barreetspark and Cashla townlands in Athenry, County Galway, as set out in the plans and particulars received by An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 24th October 2025 falls within the scope of section 182A and the Seventh Schedule of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and that a planning application should therefore be made directly to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

Appendix 1: Prescribed Bodies

The following is a list of prescribed bodies considered relevant by the Coimisiún:

- Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications
- Galway County Council
- Commission for the Regulation of Utilities
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- Uisce Éireann
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- Office of Public Works
- An Taisce
- Heritage Council
- An Chomhairle Ealaíon
- Fáilte Ireland
- HSE

Further notifications should also be made, where deemed appropriate.