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Pleanála

Direction
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Having regard to the anticipated energy output of the proposed thermal power station the Commission considered that the proposed development constitutes development that falls within the relevant definition of energy infrastructure in the Seventh Schedule of the Planning & 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 sections 37A(2)(a) and (b) of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended). The Commission is of the opinion that the proposed development constitutes a strategic infrastructure development within the meaning of section 37A of the Act and an application for permission for the proposed development must therefore be made directly to An Bord Pleanála under section 37E of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

The Commission determined that the prospective applicant should be notified that the consultation process is closed.

Attach Appendix – Prescribed Bodies

Planning

Commissioner:

Date: 24/04/2026

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Appendix – Prescribed bodies

The following prescribed bodies are considered relevant for the purpose of s37E(3)(c) of the Act:

- Department of Planning and Local Government and Heritage
- Minister of Environment and Climate & Communications
- Fingal County Council
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- National Transport Authority
- Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly
- Irish Water
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- Irish Aviation Authority
- The DAA
- EPA
- HSE
- Health and Safety Authority
- The Commission for Energy Regulation
- Office of Public Works
- ESB
- Eirgrid
- An Taisce
- An Chomhairle Ealaíón
- Fáilte Ireland
- The Heritage Council

Further notifications should also be made, where deemed appropriate.

