



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Direction
CD-022433-26
ACP-324354-26

At a meeting held on 28/08/2026, the Commission considered the report of the Inspector, and the documents and submissions on file generally in relation to the proposed development.

The Commission decided, generally as recommended by the Inspector, that having regard to the anticipated approximate energy output of the proposed OCGT at 385MW, it is considered that the proposed development constitutes development that falls within the relevant definition of energy infrastructure in the Seventh Schedule of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, namely 'A thermal power station or other combustion installation with a total energy output of 300MW or more', thereby satisfying the requirements set out in section 37A(1) of this 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 and Development Act 2000, as amended. An application for permission for the subject development would, therefore, need to be made directly to An Coimisiún Pleanála under section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

Appendices

Appendix A. Relevant Bodies

The following is a schedule of bodies considered relevant in this case for the purposes of Section 37E(3)(c) of the Act of 2000:

- Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage;

- Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications;
- Limerick City and County Council;
- Commission for the Regulation of Utilities;
- Gas Networks Ireland
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland;
- The National Transport Authority;
- Southern Regional Assembly;
- Irish Aviation Authority;
- Iarnród Éireann
- Environmental Protection Agency;
- Health and Safety Authority;
- Office of Public Works;
- EirGrid;
- An Taisce;
- An Chomhairle Ealaíon;
- Fáilte Ireland;
- The Heritage Council;
- Uisce Éireann;
- Health Service Executive.

Further notifications should also be made, where deemed appropriate.

**Planning
Commissioner:**



Tom Rabbette

Date: 01/09/2026