Our Ref: ABP-301594-18



Longford County Council Great Water St Longford Co. Longford

Date: 5th October 2018

Re:

Modifications to, and continued operation of, the existing peat-fuelled Lough Ree Power station to facilitate the phased transition of that station to exclusive firing with biomass. Lough Ree Power Station, Lanesborough and the existing ash disposal site at Derraghan, Co. Longford.

Dear Sir / Madam

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer to the above-mentioned pre-application consultation request.

Please be advised that following consideration of the issues raised in the above consultation and having regard to the scale and nature of the proposed development An Bord Pleanála has decided that the proposed development does not come within the scope of section 37A (2) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. Accordingly any application for planning consent should be made to the local authority in accordance with the provisions of section 34 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the documentation submitted to the Board from the prospective applicant including a copy of the written record of the pre-application consultation meeting between An Bord Pleanála and the prospective applicant.

The attachment contains information in relation to challenges to the validity of a decision of An Bord Pleanála under the provisions of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Fergal Kilmurray
Executive Officer

Direct Line: 01-8737247

Encls. PC12