Our Case Number: ABP-308436-20

Your Reference: Shantallow Solar Farm Ltd.



ESB c/o Brendan Allen, Engineering and Major Projects One Dublin Airport Central, Dublin Airport Cloghran Co. Dublin K67 XF72

Date: 09 December 2020

Re: Substation Shantallow Solar Farm, Co. Galway

## A Chara,

Please be advised that following consultations under section 182E of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Board hereby serves notice that it is of the opinion that the proposed development falls within the scope of section 182A of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended. Accordingly, the Board has decided that the proposed development would be strategic infrastructure within the meaning of section 182A of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. Any application for approval for the proposed development must therefore be made directly to An Bord Pleanála under section 182A(1) of the Act.

Please also be informed that the Board considers that the pre-application consultation process in respect of this proposed development is now closed. Overleaf please find a list of prescribed bodies who should be notified when making the subsequent application.

In accordance with section 146(5) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Board will make available for inspection and purchase at its offices the documents relating to the decision within 3 working days following its decision. This information is normally made available on the list of decided cases on the website on the Wednesday following the week in which the decision is made.

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,

Rob Mac Giollarnáth

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## The following list identifies the prescribed bodies which are considered relevant in this instance for the purposes of Section 182A(4)(b) of the Act.

- · Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government
- Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources
- Galway County Council
- · Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- Commission for Regulation of Utilities, Water and Energy
- · Irish Water