Our Case Number: ABP-311204-21

Your Reference: Solas Éireann Development Limited



Neo Environmental 83-85 Bridge Street Ballymena BT43 5EN Northern Ireland

Sent by email & post

Date: 20 January 2022

Re: Proposed 110kV substation to feed into the existing Aughinish - Kilpaddoge 110kV overhead line

(OHL)

Townland of Ballinknockane, Co. Limerick

Dear Sir / Madam,

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.

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.

Please see attached a list of prescribed bodies considered relevant for the purpose of section 182A(4)(b) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. Furthermore, attached is a note which 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.

In accordance with the fees payable to the Board and where not more than one pre-application meeting is held in the determination of a case, a refund of €3,500 is payable to the person who submitted the pre-application consultation fee. As only one meeting was required in this case, a refund of 3,500 will be sent to you in due course.

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,

Jennifer Sherry Executive Officer Direct Line: 01-8737266

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List of prescribed bodies considered relevant in this instance for the purposes of Section 182(4)(b) of the Act:

- Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications
- Limerick County Council
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- An Chomhairle Ealaíon
- Failte Ireland
- An Taisce
- Heritage Council
- Commission of Regulation of Utilities, Water and Energy
- Irish Water
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- Irish Aviation Authority