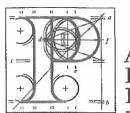
Our Case Number: ABP-315972-23

Your Reference: Strategic Power Projects Limited



An Bord Pleanála

Peter Thomson Peter Thomson Planning Solutions 4 Priory Grove Kells Co. Kilkenny

Date: 06 June 2023

Re: Proposed 2 number 110kV substations and grid connection in lieu of 2 number 37kV substations and grid connection granted by Louth County Council (Planning Reference: 21/61) to facilitate permitted solar and battery storage system development and proposed extensions Toomes and Monvallet, Co. Louth

Dear Sir,

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.

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 preapplication consultation fee. As a meeting was not required in this case, a refund of €3,500 will be sent to you in due course.

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.

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.

Tel

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

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Caulfield/ Executive Officer

Direct Line: 01-8737287

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List of Prescribed Bodies to be Notified of Application

- 1. Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- 2. Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications
- 3. Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
- 4. Louth County Council
- 5. EirGrid
- 6. ESB
- 7. Commission for Regulation of Utilities
- 8. Irish Water
- 9. An Chomhairle Ealaíon
- 10. Fáilte Ireland
- 11.An Taisce
- 12. Heritage Council

Additional notifications should also be made where considered appropriate.