Our Case Number: ABP-321564-24



Westmeath County Council Aras an Chontae Mount Street Mullingar Co. Westmeath N91 FH4N

Date: 20 May 2025

Re: A 250MW Data Centre which will source its primary power from a collocated flexible Decentralised Energy Resource (DER). Solid Oxide Fuel Cell Power System, Battery

Energy Storage System, Solar PV Installation and Grid connection.

Located in the townlands of Kiltotan & Collinstown, Oldtown & Farthingstown, Co.

Westmeath

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 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,

Raymond Muwaniri **Executive Officer**

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