

An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Commission Order
ABP-322563-25

Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Cork County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: D20125

WHEREAS a question has arisen as to whether the development of 33kV underground cabling (1.83km in total length approximately) to facilitate a connection between the approved Ardnageehy Solar farm (Planning reference 23/6099) and a 110kV Ballyroe Substation SID (Planning reference: ABP-314431-22) located in Ballynadridden & Ballyroe Townlands, County Cork is or is not development or is or is not exempted development.

AND WHEREAS Soleire Renewables SPV Limited care of Entrust Limited of Unit 1 First Floor, Oranmore Business Park, Oranmore, County Galway requested a declaration on the said question from Cork County Council, and the said Council issued a declaration on the 22nd day of April 2025 stating that the said matter is development and is not exempted development:

AND WHEREAS Soleire Renewables SPV Limited referred the declaration for review to An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 19th day of May 2025.

AND WHEREAS An Coimisiún Pleanála, in considering this referral, had regard particularly to –

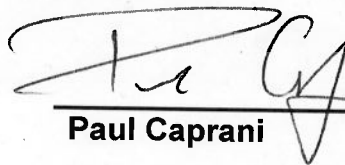
- (a) Sections 2(1), 3(1) and 4(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended,
- (b) Article 6(1) and Article 9(1) and in particular Article 9(1)(viiB) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended,
- (c) Class 26 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended,
- (d) the planning history of the site, and
- (e) the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report submitted by the applicant and the Ecology Reports of Cork County Council.

AND WHEREAS An Coimisiún Pleanála has concluded that -

- (a) the provision of a 33 kV underground cable to connect the permitted Ardnageehy Solar farm to the permitted Ballyroe 110 kV Substation constitutes development as defined under Sections 2 and 3 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and
- (b) the works come within the scope of the exempted development provision provided at Class 26 of Part 1, Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended,
- (c) none of the restrictions on exempted development provided for under Section 4(4) of the Act and Article 9(1)(a) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, apply in this case, as An

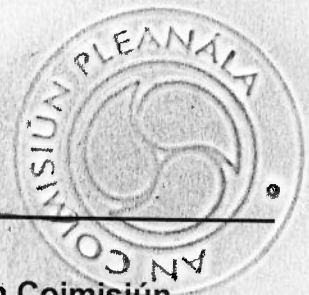
Coimisiún Pleanála determined that an Appropriate Assessment was not required in this instance.

NOW THEREFORE An Coimisiún Pleanála, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 5(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, hereby decides that the development of a 33 kV underground cable to connect the permitted Ardnageehy Solar farm to the permitted Ballyroe 110 kV Substation is development and is exempted development.



Paul Caprani

**Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún
Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Commission.**



Dated this 7th day of October 2025.