

An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Commission Order ACP-323856-25

Planning and Development Acts, 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Cork County Council

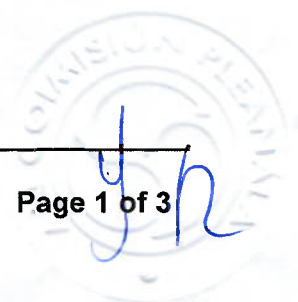
(Associated application reference number: ABP-310798-21)

REQUEST received by An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 7th day of November 2025 from EirGrid Plc care of Tetra Tech RPS, West Pier Business Campus, Dun Laoghaire, Dublin, under Section 146B of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, to alter the terms of a strategic infrastructure development, described as proposed alterations to the previously approved electricity transmission Celtic Interconnector Project and associated works, the subject of an approval under An Coimisiún Pleanála reference number ABP-310798-21 and alteration under reference number ABP-316191-23.

WHEREAS the Commission made a decision to approve the proposed development, subject to conditions, for the above-mentioned development by Order dated the 19th day of May, 2022,

AND WHEREAS the Commission has received a request to alter the terms of the development, the subject of the approval,

AND WHEREAS the proposed alterations are described as follows:



- A Power Feed and Earthing (PFE) compound accommodating a PFE building; banded generator housing, a load bank and a hardstand area capable of accommodating storage of three number cable drums;
- The creation of a new vehicular access from the N25 national road;
- Internal access road to PFE compound;
- Service ducts and trenches with cable troughs, tunnels and duct banks;
- A proposed new Electricity Supply Board pole, a new overhead power line to connect to an existing pole, and a proposed new mini pillar further east (as seen on Proposed Electrical Connection Drawing No. N389 OCSC XX XX SK C 0013);
- Security boundary fencing three metres in height and vehicular gates around entire field; and,
- All associated site development works including site clearance works, site stabilisation earthworks, site drainage, lighting, CCTV1, and landscaping.

AND WHEREAS the Commission decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that the proposed alterations would result in a material alteration to the terms of the development, the subject of the approval,

AND WHEREAS the Commission decided, in accordance with section 146B(8)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, to invite submissions or observations from the public in relation to whether the proposed alteration would constitute the making of a material alteration to the terms of the development concerned and considered the submissions received,

AND WHEREAS having considered all of the documents on file and the Inspector's report, the Commission considered that the making of the proposed alteration would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment or on any European Site,

NOW THEREFORE in accordance with section 146B(3)(b)(ii) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Commission hereby alters the

abovementioned decision so that the approved development shall be altered in accordance with the plans and particulars received by An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 7th day of November 2025, for the reasons and considerations set out below.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regard to:

- the nature and scale of the Celtic Interconnector Project and specifically the cable element works at Ballyvergan West permitted under An Coimisiún Pleanála Reference Number ABP-310798-21 for this site and the proposed alterations which include the provision of a new entrance and Power Feed and Earthing compound and building and associated works,
- the limited nature and scale of the alterations when considered in relation to the overall permitted development,
- the absence of any significant new or additional environmental concerns arising as a result of the proposed alterations,
- the report of the Commission's Inspector, which is adopted, and,
- the submissions received in relation to the proposed amendments.

It is considered that the proposed alterations would be material. In accordance with section 146B(3)(b)(ii) of the Planning & Development Act, as amended, the Commission hereby makes the said alterations.



Tom Rabbette

Member of An Coimisiún Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Commission.

Dated this 22nd day of Sept. 2026.