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Record of Meeting ABP-306723-20

Development	Proposed strategic infrastructure relating to a data centre and substation linking to existing Huntstown power stations and associated site works		
Location	Townland of Huntstown, North road, Finglas, Dublin 11		
Case Type	Pre-application consultation		
Meeting	2 nd meeting	30/11/2020	11:00 – 11.30

Representing An Bord Pleanála		
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Brian Linton, Energia Group		
Doireann Ní Cheallaigh, Energia Group		
Neil Cowap, Aecom		
Barry Wall, Aecom		

Presentation by the prospective applicant

The Board's representatives welcomed the prospective applicant to the second meeting.

Since the previous meeting held on 12 June 2020, the prospective applicant has decided to continue pre-application consultations for the substation element of the proposed development only. Given that the legislative provisions relating to data centre developments has yet to be commenced, it was stated that the data centre would be the subject of a separate planning application to be submitted c. February 2021 to Fingal County Council.

The prospective applicant gave a presentation with an overview of the proposed development outlining the design of the proposed substation and in particular referencing the landscaping scheme being considered.

The proposed 220kV substation, referenced as Mooretown, will create a new strategic node which would loop together the existing 220kV Finglas and Corduff substations by diverting the Finglas and Corduff 220kV cables into the new substation. It was contended by the prospective applicant that this would result in it comprising part of the 'transmission' network and comprising a node on same.

In respect of both developments (substation and data centre) there would be separate EIAR's prepared. The Board's representatives outlined the requirement to address cumulative impacts relating to the other element of the proposal within the respective EIAR's but clearly distinguishing between each project.

With respect to the Habitats Directive, the prospective applicant was of the preliminary view that an Appropriate Assessment Screening Report would screen out the requirement for a Natura Impact Statement.

It would be the intention of the prospective applicant to close out this process as soon as possible and to proceed to application stage.

Note – The prospective applicant undertook to furnish a technical note outlining in more detail the development description and duly furnished same by email (30th November, 2020).

Conclusion

The record of the meeting will issue to the prospective applicant and it will then be a matter for the prospective applicant to submit any comments on this if it wishes to do so. Following this, the prospective applicant may seek a further meeting with the Board or as indicated may request closure of the pre-application process.

If closure of the pre-application process is requested, the reporting inspector will complete the report and recommendation which will be forwarded to the Board for determination. A decision will then issue to the prospective applicant.

Ciara Kellett
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