



An
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Pleanála

Record of Meeting ABP-313117-22 1st meeting

Case Reference / Description	ABP-313117-22 Construction of temporary emergency electricity generation at Huntstown Power Station, Johnstown, Co. Dublin.		
Case Type	Pre-application consultation under S.181(2R) of the P&D Act		
1st / 2nd / 3rd Meeting	1 st		
Date	05/04/22	Start Time	12.05 p.m.
Location	N/A	End Time	12.30 p.m.

Representing An Bord Pleanála
Staff Members
Ciara Kellett, Assistant Director of Planning (Chair)
Una Crosse, Senior Planning Inspector
Kieran Somers, Executive Officer
Representing the Prospective Applicant
Paul O'Neill, Department of Environment, Climate and Communications
Eimir O'Brien, Department of Environment, Climate and Communications

The Board referred to the letter received from the prospective applicant requesting pre-application consultations and advised the prospective applicant that the instant meeting essentially constituted an information-gathering exercise for the Board; it also invited the prospective applicant to outline the nature of the proposed development and to highlight any matters it wished to receive advice on from the Board. The Board mentioned general procedures in relation to the pre-application consultation process as follows:

- The Board will keep a record of this meeting and any other meetings, if held. Such records will form part of the file which will be made available publicly at the conclusion of the process. The record of the meeting will not be amended by the Board once finalised, but the prospective applicant may submit comments on the record which will form part of the case file.
- A further meeting or meetings may be held in respect of the proposed development.
- The holding of consultations does not prejudice the Board in any way and cannot be relied upon in the formal approval process or any legal proceedings.

General discussion/Update by the prospective applicant:

The prospective applicant began by emphasising that the Minister is considering if the proposed development is required and has not yet decided as to whether an application for approval will be made to the Board. The prospective applicant indicated that it would likely request a further meeting with the Board on this case at which time further details apropos the proposed development could be provided.

The prospective applicant said that it viewed the instant meeting as one in which processes might be discussed if the Minister is minded to request screening determinations on EIA and AA. The Board's representatives noted this and referenced section 181(2T) of the Act in this regard. The Board's representatives noted that consultations with other bodies does not normally occur on screening

cases; however, the Board noted the involvement of the EPA in respect of the project (possible requirement for a licence) and said that it might need to consider this matter further (namely whether the EPA should be engaged with in respect of such screening).

In a general context, the Board's representatives noted that screening determination cases can be handled expeditiously. It also noted that the subject of this particular case would appear to be significantly sub-threshold with regard to EIA.

The prospective applicant advised that consultations with the EPA are on-going. Reference was made by the Board representatives to COMAH sites within the wider area and that the Health and Safety Authority might have a consultative role. The Board recommended that the prospective applicant should clarify same.

The Board's representatives noted the provision of section 176A(5) whereby the competent authority/Board shall invite submissions from the owner of a subject site in circumstances where the applicant itself is not the owner or occupier. The Board advised that the prospective applicant should be cognisant of this provision of the legislation.

Conclusion:

The record of the instant meeting will issue shortly and it will then be open to the prospective applicant to consider its next steps. The prospective applicant reiterated its intention to seek a further meeting with the Board on the instant case.

The meeting concluded at 12.30 p.m.

Handwritten signature of Ciara Kellett in black ink, followed by the date 2/4/22.

Ciara Kellett

Assistant Director of Planning

