



An
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Pleanála

Record of Meeting ABP-317089-23

Case Reference / Description	Proposed 110kV electrical infrastructure and connection to the national grid at the existing 110kV Ikerrin-Thurles overhead line, Co. Tipperary.		
Case Type	Pre-application consultation		
1st / 2nd / 3rd / 4th Meeting	2 nd Meeting		
Date	01/05/2025	Start Time	2:30pm
Location	MS Teams	End Time	3:25pm

Representing An Bord Pleanála
Una Crosse, Assistant Director of Planning, Chair
Liam Bowe, Senior Planning Inspector
Lauren Murphy, Executive Officer

Representing the Prospective Applicant
Karen Mulryan, RPS
Valerie Brennan, RPS
Carlos LaraGonzalez, RPS
Niall Galvin, Buirios Limited
William O'Connor, Buirios Limited

Introduction

The Board referred to the letter received from the prospective applicant on the 19th of March 2025, requesting a second meeting for pre-application consultations under section 182E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended; it also invited the prospective applicant to outline the nature of the proposed development and to highlight any matters that it wished to receive advice on from the Board.

Presentation made by the prospective applicant:

The prospective applicant began the presentation by providing a recap of the proposed development and a summary of the first meeting.

The prospective applicant presented drawings of the proposed grid connection and substation and outlined the proposal.

The prospective applicant discussed national and regional planning policies in relation to the proposed development and mentioned updated policies since the first pre application consultation meeting.

The prospective applicant provided updates in relation to their planning application preparation and studies including the Ecology baseline study, EIA scoping, Planning report, Appended EIAR and NIS, Drawings and public notices.

The prospective applicant concluded the presentation by providing a proposed project timeline update with the intent of submitting a planning application to the Board in June/ July 2025.

Discussion:

- The Board's representatives began the discussion by seeking clarification on the rationale behind the prospective applicant's proposal to submit the Environmental Impact Assessment Report which accompanied the permitted

wind farm application with the proposed planning application to be accompanied by a report specifically addressing the proposed development.

- The prospective applicant outlined that the EIAR prepared in respect of the permitted Borris Windfarm (ABP-318794-23) had examined the proposed substation and grid connection now proposed as part of the wider project.
- The Board's representatives advised the prospective applicant to seek their own legal advice regarding this proposed approach.
- The Board's representatives advised that should the prospective applicant wish to submit an EIAR with the application, that the EIAR should be tailored to the specific aspects of the proposed development with the already permitted wind farm development being assessed in the cumulative impacts.
- The Board's representatives advised the prospective applicant to seek their own legal advice in respect of a consideration of EIA screening in relation to the proposed development.
- The prospective applicant advised that they may seek a further meeting.

Conclusion:

The Board's representatives advised that the onus is on the prospective applicant to either request a further meeting or formal closure of the instant pre-application consultation process. The Board's representatives advised that the record of the instant meeting will be issued in the meantime, and that the prospective applicant can submit any comments it may have in writing or alternatively bring any comments for discussion at the time of any further meeting.

The Meeting concluded at 3:25pm



Una Crosse

Assistant Director of Planning