



<b>Case Reference / Description</b>	Construction of a Grid Connection, Substation and All Associated developments. Located in the townlands of Curraghtown, Brownstown, Navan, County Meath.		
<b>Case Type</b>	Pre-application consultation		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting		
<b>Date</b>	21 November 2025	<b>Start Time</b>	2:30pm
<b>Location</b>	MS Teams	<b>End Time</b>	2:50pm

<b>Representing An Coimisiún Pleanála</b>
Una Crosse (Assistant Planning Director) Chair
Auriol Considine (Senior Planning Inspector)
Honor Caird Marren (Executive Officer)

<b>Representing the Prospective Applicant</b>
Mark Francis, VPI
Breena Coyle, Jennings O'Donovan & Partners Limited
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Paul Ferry, VPI
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Barry McGinn, Mable Consulting Engineers

## **Introduction**

The Commission's referred to the correspondence received from the prospective applicant requesting this second meeting and to the first meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

The Commission's representatives also mentioned the general procedures for the pre-application consultation process referenced at the first meeting which remain applicable.

### **Presentation made by the prospective applicant:**

The prospective applicant began their presentation by briefly discussing the meeting agenda.

The prospective applicant provided a recap of the overall project.

The prospective applicant provided information regarding the history of the proposed development.

The prospective applicant provided a recap of the previous grid connection options.

The prospective applicant provided a description of the proposed works.

Constraints were mapped as the result of field work identifying sensitivities onsite. Studies are ongoing.

**Discussion:**

The Commission's representatives queried whether an opinion on the related Design Flexibility Request which had been received by the Commission is still required. The prospective applicant advised they will revert on the matter.

A general discussion on timelines was held. The Commission's representatives clarified that Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended has not been amended by the Regulation transposing the RED III Directive and therefore the provisions of the Regulation do not apply to applications under this section.

The Commission's representatives gave their preliminary opinion that the proposed development falls within the scope of strategic infrastructure but reminded the prospective applicant that the final determination lies with the Commissioners.

**Conclusion:**

The Commission'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 Commission'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 14:50.



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**Una Crosse**

**Assistant Director of Planning**