

An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Record of Meeting ABP-324122-26 (VC)

Case Reference / Description	The proposed grid connection for the proposed Oweninny Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) development and all associated infrastructure located at the Oweninny Wind Farm and surrounding Townlands in Co. Mayo.		
Case Type	Pre Application Consultation		
1st / 2nd / 3rd / 4th Meeting	1 st Meeting		
Date	05/05/2026	Start Time	11:00
Location	MS Teams	End Time	11:20

Representing An Coimisiún Pleanála
Sarah Lynch, Assistant Director of Planning, Chair
Rachel Gleave O'Connor, Senior Planning Inspector
Niamh Hickey, Executive Officer

Representing the Prospective Applicant
Ciara Gilligan, Jennings O'Donovan
Andrew Reynolds, Bord na Mona
Hugo Travers, Bord na Mona

Introduction

The Commission referred to the letter received from the prospective applicant on the 27th February 2026, requesting pre-application consultations under section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and advised the prospective applicant that the instant meeting essentially constituted an information-gathering exercise for the Commission; 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 Commission. The Commission's representatives mentioned the following general procedures in relation to the pre-application consultation process.

- The Commission 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 Commission once finalised, but the prospective applicant may submit comments on the record which will form part of the case file.
- The Commission will serve notice at the conclusion of the process as to the strategic infrastructure status of the proposed development. It may form a preliminary view at an early stage in the process on the matter.
- A further meeting or meetings may be held in respect of the proposed development.
- Further information may be requested by the Commission and public consultations may also be directed by the Commission.
- The Commission may hold consultations in respect of the proposed development with other bodies.
- The holding of consultations does not prejudice the Commission in any way and cannot be relied upon in the formal planning process or in any legal proceedings.

Presentation

The prospective applicant set out their presentation, which is attached to the file.

Discussion

General Matters

- The prospective applicant confirmed that the proposed development will connect to an existing substation.
- The design cabling is still being confirmed.
- The prospective applicant clarified that their view is that the proposed development does not meet the requirements to constitute a strategic infrastructure development.
- It was noted that the proposed development would not be considered a RED III development.

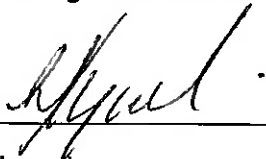
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- A preliminary opinion was provided that the proposed development does not fall within the scope of strategic infrastructure but noted that the final determination is a matter for the Commission.

Conclusion

The Commission's representatives outlined the onus is on the prospective applicant to 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 11:20.



Sarah Lynch

Assistant Director of Planning.

