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## Memorandum ABP-317802-23

**To:** Ms. M. Cassells, SEO.

**From:** E. O'Sullivan, EO.

**Re:** ABP-317802-23

Construction of 2 adjoined single storey data centres with associated office and service areas with an overall gross floor area of 15,274sq.m comprising of the construction of 2 adjoined single storey data centres with a gross floor area of 12,859sq.m that will include a single storey goods receiving area / store and single storey office area (2,415sq.m) with PV panels above, located to the east of the data centres as well as associated water tower, sprinkler tank, pump house and other services; The data centres will also include plant at roof level; with 24 standby diesel generators with associated flues (each 25m high) that will be located within a generator yard to the west of the data centres; New internal access road and security gates to serve the proposed development that will provide access to 36 new car parking spaces (including 4 electric and 2 disabled spaces) and sheltered bicycle parking to serve the new data centres; New attenuation ponds to the north of the proposed data centres; Green walls are proposed to the south and east that will enclose the water tower and pump house compound; The development will also include ancillary site works, connections to existing infrastructural services as well as fencing and signage; The development will include minor modifications to the permitted landscaping to the west of the site as granted under SDCC Planning Ref. SD19A/0042 / ABP Ref. PL06S.305948 and Ref. SD21A/0042; The site will remain enclosed by landscaping to all boundaries; The development will be accessed off the R120 via the permitted access granted under SDCC Planning Ref. SD19A/0042 / ABP Ref. PL06S.305948 and SD21A/0042; An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) has been submitted with this application.

Site within the townland of Ballymakailly, West of Newcastle Road (R120), Lucan, Co. Dublin

**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

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This is a first party appeal lodged on the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023, against a decision made by South Dublin County Council to refuse permission for the above-mentioned development.

## **GROUND**

The appeal can be summarised as follows:

The applicant contends:

- The use for energy demand is in accordance with Eir Grid and wider national policy requirements.
- It is designed to operate on renewable fuel sources.
- Applicant has connection agreement with Eir Grid.
- Applicant has engaged with PPAs in Ireland.
- Proposed development is fully aligned and in accordance with government policy.

## **COMMENTS**

1. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) was submitted with the application. An EIAR Recommendations – EIAR submitted form (green) attached.
2. The Planning authority have responded to the grounds of appeal within the time allowed.
3. One observation has been received to date. The last day for receiving valid observations is 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023.
4. The application was originally lodged with the Planning Authority on the 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022.
5. F.I. was requested on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022.
6. An extension of time was requested on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023 by the applicant and was granted by the Planning Authority.

7. F.I. was received on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023.
8. This is deemed a HP case as it is for 2 data centres.
9. File submitted for comments/direction.

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