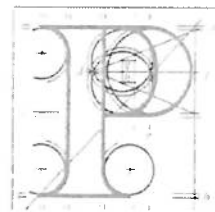


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An
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Transport Infrastructure Ireland
Land Use Planning
Parkgate Business Centre
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Date: 02 January 2024

Re: Proposed construction of a 110kV underground grid connection cable connecting the permitted Carrownagowan windfarm to the existing 110kV substation at Ardnacrusha.
Within the townlands of Caherhurly, Killokenedy, Cloongaheen West, Leitrim, Castlebank, Ballykeelaun, County Clare. (www.carrownagowangridplanning.ie)

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

The Board will revert to you in due course in respect of this matter.

Please be advised that copies of all submissions / observations received in relation to the application will be made available for public inspection at the offices of the local authority and at the offices of An Bord Pleanála when they have been processed by the Board.

More detailed information in relation to strategic infrastructure development can be viewed on the Board's website: www.pleanala.ie.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board or email sids@pleanala.ie quoting the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence with the Board.

Yours faithfully,


Lauren Murphy
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Re. Strategic Infrastructure Development – Proposed construction of a 110kV underground grid connection cable connecting the permitted Carrownagowan windfarm to the existing 110kV substation at Ardnacrusha

ABP Case ref. VA03.318505

Dear Secretary,

The Authority acknowledges receipt of referral of the above proposed Electricity Development Application on behalf of Futureenergy Carrownagowan DAC.

It is acknowledged that the subject application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report which has assessed impact on material assets, including transport infrastructure, in Chapter 12. TII notes that grid connection proposals included in the Strategic Infrastructure Development Application have no direct impact on the strategic national road network.

Notwithstanding, it is unclear from the documentation submitted as to whether there are any abnormal loads proposed, for example, those associated with cable drum transportation or construction machinery and no haul route to site appears to have been identified. Therefore, there may be indirect impacts to the national road network that require consideration.

Having regard to the foregoing, TII advises that where abnormal loads may be a feature of the proposed development, any operator who wants to transport a vehicle or load whose weight falls outside the limits allowed by the Road Traffic (Construction Equipment & Use of Vehicles) Regulations 2003, SI 5 of 2003, must obtain a permit for its movement from each Local Authority through whose jurisdiction the vehicle shall travel. With specific reference to national road structures on the proposed haul route, all structures should be checked by the applicant/developer to confirm their capacity to accommodate any abnormal load proposed.

In addition, the national road network is managed by a combination of PPP Concessions, Motorway Maintenance and Renewal Contracts (MMaRC) as well as local road authorities in association with TII. The applicant/developer should consult with all PPP Companies, MMaRC Contractors and road authorities over which the haul route traverses to ascertain any operational requirements such as delivery timetabling, etc. and to ensure that the strategic function of the national road network is safeguarded.

Where temporary works within any MMaRC Contract Boundary are required to facilitate the transport of any abnormal loads to site, the applicant/developer shall contact thirdpartyworks@tii.ie in advance, as a works specific Deed of Indemnity will be needed by TII before the works can take place.

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Any proposed works to the national road network to facilitate abnormal load delivery to site shall comply with TII Publications and shall be subject to Road Safety Audit as appropriate. Works should ensure the ongoing safety for all road users and prior to any development necessary licenses, approvals or agreements with PPP Concessions, Motorway Maintenance and Renewal Contracts (MMaRC) Companies and local road authorities, as necessary, shall be in place.

TII requests referral of all proposals agreed between the road authority, PPP Concessions and MMaRC Companies and the applicant impacting on national roads. Mitigation measures identified by the applicant should be included as conditions in any decision to grant permission.

Any damage caused to the pavement of the existing national road network arising from any temporary works and/or due to delivery of abnormal loads (eg. tearing of the surface course, etc.) shall be rectified in accordance with TII Pavement Standards and details in this regard shall be agreed with the Road Authority prior to the commencement of any development on site.

The Authority trusts that the foregoing comments prove of assistance to the Board in dealing with this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Michael McCormack', is written over a horizontal line.

Michael McCormack
Senior Land Use Planner