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Your Ref: ABP-319080-24

16th July 2024

**An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
Dublin 1
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Proposed transition and conversion of the existing 900MW electricity generating station from coal to heavy fuel oil and associated ancillary development at Moneypoint Generating Station, Moneypoint, Co. Clare

A Chara,

I refer to the above and to your letter dated 19th June 2024. We now **enclose** herewith, as requested, the Planning Authority's response to further information.

Yours sincerely,

**Josephine Connors
Staff Officer
Planning Department
Economic Development Directorate**

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Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006
Chief Executive's Report in Accordance with the Requirements of Section 37E (4) of the
Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) in relation to the
MONEYPPOINT SECURITY OF SUPPLY PROJECT
ABP Reference: ABP-319080-24
Report 2 – Response to Further Information

1.0 Recommended Response


The content of the correspondence received from An Bord Pleanála on the 24th June 2024 is noted and considered. Under CDP 12.6 of Development Plan it is an objective of Clare County Council to safeguard the role and function of Moneypoint as a key strategic driver of economic growth in the country, and to facilitate its sustainable growth, operational expansion and diversification, in accordance with national and regional energy objectives. In this regard it is noted that the proposed development would constitute a *“stepping-stone in ESB's transition to becoming a renewable energy generator at its Moneypoint site”* and would provide electricity supply to the energy grid as a *“backup generator”* until such time that alternative renewable energy generation and storage infrastructure would be in place. For this transition period, whilst the proposed development would still be based on the use of fossil fuels of up to and including 2029, it would result in a 29% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions when the station would be operating. The Planning Authority considers that the proposed development would be in compliance with the onsite zoning, the site-specific objectives, and associated European, national and regional level policy objectives with respect to the decarbonisation of electricity generation. In summary the Planning Authority, is supportive of the proposed development.

In the event of a grant of permission it is recommended that appropriate conditions are attached to the proposed development to ensure the protection of the receiving environment, adjacent amenities and land uses, visual amenities, traffic safety and free-flow, and all other issues as set out in this report and the drawings, reports and particulars received with the application. In addition, the Planning Authority considers that compliance with the mitigation measures as set out in both the NIS and EIAR should be required by condition on any grant of permission issued by An Bord Pleanála.

The report from Clare County Council dated the 02nd April 2024 sets out the views of the Planning Authority in accordance with Section 37E (4) of the Planning and Development Act,

2000, as amended. It is respectfully requested that the Board take the above issues into consideration in the assessment of the proposed development.


Pat Dowling
Chief Executive
11th July 2024


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