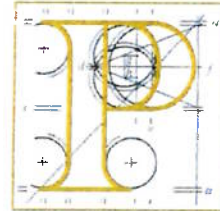


**Our Case Number:** ABP-319566-24

**Planning Authority Reference Number:**



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Tom Neville  
c/o Ballybunion Community Forum Group  
1 Ozone Tee  
Main Street  
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**Date:** 27 June 2024

**Re:** The proposed development will comprise of a 600MW Powerplant, 120MW Battery Energy Storage System, Above Ground Installation and associated ancillary works.  
Located within the townlands Kilcolgan Lower and Ralappane between Tarbert and Ballylongford Co.Kerry. ([www.steppowerplant.com](http://www.steppowerplant.com))

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

The Board will revert to you in due course with regard to the 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](http://www.pleanala.ie).

If you have any queries in the meantime please contact the undersigned officer of the Board. Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Ellen Moss  
Executive Officer  
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**Dear Sirs,**

Thank you for the opportunity to make our comments on the above proposed development – to develop the Tarbert Ballylongford landbank.

This landbank was purchased by the State to promote heavy industry by using the natural advantage of the Shannon Estuary deep water.

This area has been in decline for a long time. We have lost our banks, our post offices, shops, restaurants and bars have closed down. Petrol stations have closed.

Many of our GAA clubs can't field teams and the fabric of society has declined.

Our children and grandchildren can now be found in Canada/USA/ Australia etc.

We have recently seen the effects of the war in Ukraine and the consequent disruption of the energy market – causing further damage to our economy – national and locally.

The Government and other bodies charged with securing adequate energy supplies have failed to do so.

The Climate Action Plan requires the development of 2,000 MW of gas fired electrical generation capacity and this proposed power plant on the landbank will provide 600 MW.

We have consulted extensively locally and nominate **Mr. Donal Liston** to represent our views.

We strongly urge An Bord Pleanála to grant planning permission for this project without delay.

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**Fáilte Ireland**

Yours sincerely,

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