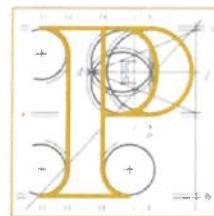


Our Case Number: ABP-319566-24



An
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Pleanála

Tarbert Development Association
Joan Murphy
Church Street
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Co. Kerry
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Date: 19 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)

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.

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,

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10th June 2024

**Shannon Technology & Energy Park (STEP) within the townlands of
Kilcolgan Lower and Ralappane, between Tarbert and Ballylongford,
Co. Kerry**

Proposed 600MW power plant

Submission RE: reference number PA 08. 319566

We in Tarbert Development Association (TDA), together with the undersigned local community groups believe that this is a timely project for the region because;

- The Shannon Landbank was assembled over 50 years ago for this type of project and we have been supportive of any suitable investment for the area throughout the half century or more since the land was first acquired by the state.
- The Shannon Estuary Economic Task Force Report, launched in July 2023 which was endorsed by Minister Ryan and An Taoiseach, were supportive of a power plants at this site..
- Ireland's Climate Action Plan 2024 calls for the urgent delivery of 2000 MW of gas fired power generation to meet the growing demands for electricity which is envisaged for this country. Our energy supply system has been under pressure for some time and is now a limit to economic growth and this needs to be addressed immediately.
- The proposed power plant will be a very low carbon plant. This is because it would operate as a superefficient combined cycle (60%) power plant compared to other simple cycle plants which only operate about 35%. Put simply Co2 emissions from the proposed unit would be about 40% less than other plants.
- Ireland has a shortfall of power plants. As a result, very high carbon and very expensive generation is being installed by the Minister at a huge cost to the State, including a site to accommodate 3 diesel emergency generators on the site of the now shut down SSE power station here in Tarbert. During this development we can see about 70 trucks per day with stone, gravel and readymix concreted travel the N 67 road to the site for the past 12 months and this will continue for at least another 3 months. This type of state sponsored activity will continue to be repeated throughout the country unless new power plants are built by private investors such as New Fortress Energy (NFE)

- It is a well known fact that the economic investment in this area of North Kerry has been well below what has been invested in the Dublin Region and along the East coast so we need to see this change and that the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies needed for future growth is updated. The proposed development of a gas power plant on the Landbank would be a first step to improving the infrastructure of the region and to help to provide the much needed jobs which would help to build a foundation for the future sustainability of the area.

End of submission.

Joan Murphy

Joan Murphy (Contact person)

Chairperson TDA.

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