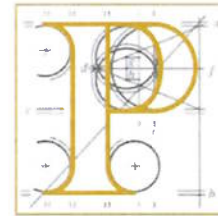


Our Case Number: ABP-319566-24



An
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Inland Fisheries Ireland
Ashbourne Business Park
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Date: 18 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 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. 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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Dear SIDS Office,

Please find attached the submission c

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e-named planning application.

Kind regards,

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17.06.2024

Re.ABP-319566-27: The proposed development will comprise of a 600MW Powerplant, 120MW Battery Energy Storage System, Above Ground Installation and associated ancillary works.

Dear Sir/Madam,

In respect of the above-named planning application, Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) has considered the application and has no objection in principle to the development as proposed. Our concern in relation to this application is the protection of riverine habitats and water quality in the vicinity of the proposed plant.

IFI would like to see more attention paid to nature-based solutions to rainwater management on site (as detailed in the document "*Nature-based Solutions to the Management of Rainwater and Surface Water Runoff in Urban Areas*" Interim Guidance Document issued by DoH LG or DMURS Advice Note 5). The use of underground attenuation tanks as specified in the documents does not represent a full SuDS approach. These underground tanks lack water quality treatment provision, their performance is difficult to monitor and there is a requirement for on-going maintenance. There is no detail provided in the application of a maintenance plan for the attenuation tank or of an upstream water quality management plan.

A comprehensive post-construction monitoring programme shall be agreed with Kerry County Council to verify the veracity of the modelled envelopes for the various parameters as detailed in the EIAR.

The final design and construction methodology for any culverts and watercourse crossings shall be agreed with IFI.

- IFI will require consultation on the final design and associated method statement
- Any site lighting shall be cowled and directed away from watercourses
- A back-up manual control shall be fitted to the auto-shutoff on the retention pond



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- Riparian vegetation shall be retained, where it must be removed for watercourse crossing access, improvements shall be made to the downstream/upstream reach
- Any fencing on site shall have mammal access

In relation to the Emergency Response Plan, IFI suggest that all staff working in the vicinity of watercourses are aware of procedures to prevent silt or other pollutants from reaching watercourses. Sufficient materials to aid in diversion/containment on any such spillage should be readily available and stored at close distance. Contact details for local IFI staff can be supplied to the contractor once appointed to be added to the Emergency Response Manual.

Access along the streams on-site and to the foreshore shall be maintained at all times for officers of Inland Fisheries Ireland.

Please do not hesitate to contact IFI should you require further detail or clarification on any matter

Yours sincerely,

Jane Gilleran

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