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7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Re: Upperchurch Windfarm (UWF) Grid Connection development Ref. ABP-306204.19  
Alteration Request under Section 146B**

Dear Sir/Madam

**Ecopower Developments (EDL)** intends to carry out the approved UWF Grid Connection SID development and herein requests that the Board exercises its powers under Section 146B of the Planning & Development Act, 2000, as amended, to alter the terms of the development, which was approved by the Board on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Ref. ABP-306204.19.

The approved but not yet built, UWF Grid Connection consists of a proposed new 110kV substation at Mountphilips, Newport, County Tipperary and **30km of underground 110kV cabling and ancillary works (UGC)**, of which 6.3km of the UGC route is particular to this Alteration Request. The UGC will connect the new substation at Mountphilips to the authorised Upperchurch Windfarm Substation at Knockcurraghbola, Upperchurch, County Tipperary and will facilitate the export of electricity from Upperchurch Windfarm to the National Grid. UWF Grid Connection and Upperchurch Windfarm (collectively the Upperchurch Windfarm Project) are both Strategic Infrastructure Developments. The Upperchurch Windfarm Project is not yet constructed.

Ecopower Developments Limited (EDL) is a related company to Upperchurch Windfarm Limited. These companies are the developers of the Upperchurch Windfarm Project.

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This Alteration Request relates to two (2) proposed alterations to the terms of the UWF Grid Connection development namely

1. Alterations to the route of a section of the underground grid cable (UGC) route around Newport and alterations to the crossing methodology of bridges both in the vicinity of Newport and along the Thurles to Limerick Regional Road (R503), and
2. A request to include a condition for a 10-year appropriate period, during which the development can be constructed. This is required due to the nature of the development.

This request under 146B, to alter the terms of the UWF Grid Connection development (ABP-306204.19) is accompanied by the enclosed attachments-

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- **Drawings**
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## 1. Alteration Request No. 1

### 1.1 Introduction to Alteration Request No. 1

Alteration Request No. 1 relates to the 30km of 110kV underground grid connection cabling and associated joint bays and ancillary works (**herein called the UGC**) which is one part of the UWF Grid Connection development, authorised by the Board under Ref. ABP-306204.19. The UGC links Mountphilips Substation to Upperchurch Windfarm Substation. With the exception of both ends of the UGC (Mountphilips Substation and Upperchurch Windfarm Substation ends), the route of the UGC is authorised for installation in the public road including crossing bridges along the route.

In addition to planning authorisation for the UGC, the developer of the UGC works must also apply to the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU) under Section 48 of the Electricity Regulation Act 1999 (as amended), for consent to exercise the powers conferred on the ESB under Section 51 and Section 52(1) of the Electricity (Supply) Act 1927 (as amended), to lay electric lines under a road. This consent was granted to Upperchurch Windfarm Limited under CRU Ref. D/22/17942 on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Upperchurch Windfarm Limited is an authorised undertaker under CRU Ref. AUTH 2017/10-01 (a) which is a prerequisite to the granting of the Section 48 by the CRU. Included in the CRU consent letter to Upperchurch Windfarm Limited is a requirement that a valid Road Opening Licence must be obtained from the Roads Management Office (RMO) prior to commencing works.

**See Section 48 Consent from CRU attached as Appendix 1**

Therefore, in accordance with the CRU consent, a Road Opening Licence must be secured in order to carry out the UGC works. The RMO will issue the licence once the terms of the Licence which include construction methodologies, are agreed beforehand with the Roads Authority, in this case Tipperary County Council.

In order to progress the UWF Grid Connection development to construction, in 2022 EDL commenced consultation with Tipperary County Council, Roads Section (**the Council**) on the terms and methodologies of the laying of the UGC under the public road between the Mountphilips Substation and the Windfarm Substation, including within the decking of bridges along the route. Placement of cabling within the bridge decking, i.e. between the top of the arch stones and the road surface, is the authorised methodology for the UGC and this was the norm at the time of the UWF Grid Connection application in 2019. Since 2022, there have been several meetings regarding the Road Opening Licence between the Council and EDL, which included attendances and contributions from ESB Networks and EDL's electrical and civil contractors. The Council's conclusion from the meetings was that, whilst they wished to support the Upperchurch Windfarm Project and for this reason gave permission in principle to apply for cables to be placed under the public road in 2019, since then the knowledge, principles and understanding of all stakeholders in this area has been evolving. The Council's



concern about the UGC works is the proposal to lay the UGC within the decking of the stone arch bridges along the route and therefore the Council requires that EDL does not install the UGC within the decking of these bridges, but that these bridge crossings be constructed using an alternative methods such as by-passing the bridges by exiting the road for short sections and placing the UGC in lands adjacent to the bridges or alternatively, directionally drilling below the bridge structure.

The proposed alterations to the authorised UGC crossing methodology at bridges, which is required in order to agree on the Road Opening Licence terms with the Council, is the subject of this Alteration Request No. 1.

## 1.2 Details of Alteration Request No. 1

In order to comply with the County Council requests, EDL commenced examining alternative methodologies for crossing the bridges in question.

There are 4 No. bridges B1 B2 B3 and B4, between Mountphilips Substation and the junction with the R503 Regional Road east of Newport. Two of these bridges B1 and B2 are authorised to cross within the bridge deck and B3 and B4 are authorised for directional drill method. The Council has requested that B1 and B2 are crossed using an alternative method e.g. by directional drilling or crossing in the stream bed utilising the dam and overpump method.

*The alternatives to crossing bridges B1, B2, B3 and B4 is set out in Table 1 below.*

There are a further eleven bridges along the R503 (B5, B6, B7, B8, B9, B10, B11, B12, B13, B14 and B15), where it is also authorised to cross within the bridge deck. This method is not acceptable to the Council for six of the bridges namely B5, B9, B10, B11, B14 and B15. Bridges B5, B9, B11 and B14 are suitable for the dam and overpump method. Bridge B15 will require directional drilling. Bridge B10 is a masonry stone slab (clapper bridge) and the Council are agreeable to directional drilling or replacement of the clapper bridge with a culvert, whichever is indicated at the time of construction. Additionally, the Council has agreed that B8, B12 and B13 have sufficient cover to allow the authorised method of crossing within the deck of the bridge, to be carried out. Bridges B6 and B7 also have deep cover but the Council require the results of a full structural assessment of the capacity of the bridge to accommodate the concrete beam encasing the cables, before it will decide if crossing within the deck is acceptable or whether directional drilling is required. The methodology will be decided during the finalisation of the terms of the Road Opening Licence.

*The proposed methods for crossing bridges B5, B6, B7, B8, B9, B10, B11, B12, B13, B14 and B15 are set out in Table 1 below.*



The crossing methods set out in Table 1 included input from a directional drilling contractor, the project civils and electrical contractors, ESB Networks, the project ecology consultants with input from the National Parks and Wildlife Service and Inland Fisheries Ireland and cultural heritage consultants. All these consultees carried out field visits to inspect the sites where alternatives are requested.

See Figure 1 Overview on Discovery Mapping (end of Schedule 7A Information /Assessment)

TABLE 1: ALTERNATIVE UGC ROUTE AND UGC BRIDGE CROSSING METHODS

Bridge No.	Proposed alternative to authorised UGC route and crossing methods
<i>4 No. bridge crossings between Mountphilips Substation and the junction with the R503 Regional Road (the R503), east of Newport</i>	
<b>B1</b>	Directional drill possible – straight road on either side to facilitate the drilling rig and level topography beneath. It should be noted that the proposed bypassing of B2 (see below) results in B1 being omitted.
<b>B2 Rockvale Bridge</b>	<p>Initially, the directional drilling contractor examined the feasibility of directional drilling the cable under B2, Rockvale Bridge, which crosses the Newport (aka Mulkear) River. It was adjudged that a directional drill could not be achieved for technical reasons because the cabling approaches the bridge through a right-angled junction at the bridge and therefore the required direct and straight access for the drilling rig, is not available. Furthermore, the Newport River is located in a deep gorge at this point with exposed sheet bedrock and topography rising steeply on each side, meaning a directional drill from the public road on one side of the bridge to a point on the public road at the other side of the bridge, is not possible to achieve.</p> <p>Secondly, the possibility of crossing the Newport River, by dam and overpump method in adjacent lands at Rockvale Bridge, was examined. This is not technically feasible because of the high volume of waterflows in the river at this point.</p> <p><u>Therefore, an alternative crossing point of the Newport River is required.</u></p> <p>Following extensive investigations, a point off-road through agricultural lands, 1.2km west-south-west of Rockvale Bridge was identified where directional drill of the Newport River was feasible (proposed new crossing point W101).</p> <p>From W101 there is an opportunity to direct the UGC route off-road southeast through a combination of agricultural grasslands and farm tracks to reach the L2110 public road. From this point an alternative route through agricultural lands can be used to access a crossing point for the Small River where the river can be crossed using the directional drilling method (new W102). This alternative route has the advantage of avoiding Bridges B3 and B4 which cross two sections of the Small River (before they join), along the authorised route. The alternative route also avoids the authorised road</p>



Bridge No.	Proposed alternative to authorised UGC route and crossing methods
	<p>closures on local roads between Rockvale Cemetery and the R503. The alternative route also avoids the Irish Water mains along the local roads between Irish Water wells in Carrowkeale townland and the Newport Regional Water Treatment plant in New Ross townland (L6009-0 and L2157-0).</p> <p>It is proposed that the UGC route is then directed south-east and then east through agricultural lands and farm tracks, crossing a local road and finally crossing under an existing culvert (new W103) to meet the R503, 1.8km east of Newport, and continue along the authorised route on the R503.</p> <p>All landowner, biodiversity, water and archaeological stakeholders were consulted along with ESB Networks about the proposed alternative crossing points and route.</p> <p>This proposed alternative route avoids B1, B2, B3 and B4 completely.</p>
<b>B3</b>	The proposed bypassing of B2 (see above) results in B3 crossing being omitted.
<b>B4</b>	The proposed bypassing of B2 (see above) results in B4 crossing being omitted.
See Figures 2.1 to 2.4 for Mapping and Ariel Views of the alternative proposals to crossing B1 – B4 (end of Schedule 7A Information /Assessment)	
<i>Crossing Bridges on the R503</i>	
<b>B5</b>	Change to dam and overpump method in adjacent lands. This is possible due to the topography in the vicinity of the bridge facilitating construction access and the low volumes of water present in the watercourse.
<b>B6</b>	Cross within the bridge decking as authorised, unless directional drill methodology is requested by the Council following the results of a full bridge structural report during the finalisation of the terms of the Road Opening Licence.
<b>B7</b>	Cross within the bridge decking as authorised, unless directional drill methodology is requested by the Council following the results of a full bridge structural report during the finalisation of the terms of the Road Opening Licence.
See Figures 3.1 and 3.2 for Mapping and Ariel Views of the alternative proposals for crossing Bridges B5, B6 and B7 (end of Schedule 7A Information /Assessment)	
<b>B8</b>	Cross as authorised within the bridge deck due to deep cover present over the bridge arch.



Bridge No.	Proposed alternative to authorised UGC route and crossing methods
<b>B9</b>	Change to dam and overpump method in adjacent lands. This is possible due to the topography in the vicinity of the bridge facilitating construction access and the low volumes of water present in the watercourse.
<b>B10</b>	Change to directional drill or replace the clapper bridge with a precast culvert as indicated during construction.
<b>B11</b>	Change to dam and overpump method in adjacent lands. This is possible due to the topography in the vicinity of the bridge facilitating construction access and the low volumes of water present in the watercourse.
See Figures 4.1 and 4.2 for Mapping and Ariel Views of the alternative proposals for crossing Bridges B9, B10 and B11 (end of Schedule 7A Information /Assessment)	
<b>B12</b>	Cross as authorised within the bridge deck due to deep cover present over the bridge arch.
<b>B13</b>	Cross as authorised within the bridge deck due to deep cover present over the bridge arch.
<b>B14</b>	Change to dam and overpump method from adjacent lands. Possible due to the topography in the vicinity of the bridge facilitating construction access and the low volumes of water present in the watercourse.
<b>B15 (Anglesey Bridge)</b>	Change to directional drill. The large volume of water present at Anglesey Bridge is unsuitable for dam and overpump method.
See Figures 5.1 and 5.2 for Mapping and Ariel Views of the alternative proposals for crossing Bridges B14 and B15 (end of Schedule 7A Information /Assessment)	

The Schedule 7A information/Assessment (attached as Appendix 4) submitted with this S146B request evaluates the impact of the alternative route and methodology options for Bridges B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, B6, B7, B9, B10, B11, B14 and B15. The Council is agreeable to Bridges B8, B12 and B13 being crossed as authorised.

### 1.3 Consultations with Stakeholders

Landowners of the off-road lands now proposed for alternative routes and bridge crossing methodologies were consulted and they have given their consent to make this Alteration Request. See Landowner Consent Letters attached as Appendix 2

National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS); Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI), the grid operator ESB Networks and Tipperary County Council were consulted on the proposed alterations. The substance of the consultations with NPWS and IFI is set out in the Schedule 7A information/Assessment attached as Appendix 4 (Section 1.3)



## 1.4 Construction Methodologies; Mitigation and Best Practice Measures

The Environmental Management Plan for the authorised development includes

- Construction Methodologies for pre-construction activities including ecological confirmatory surveys; cable trenching; instream watercourse crossing works including dam and overpump methods; directional drilling works; replacement of culverts during construction; and construction of access roads.
- Mitigation Measures for works within agricultural, forestry and riparian lands to protect ecology (including the Hen Harrier in situ and ex-situ the Slieve Felim to Silvermines Mountain SPA and Otter), protect water quality (including of the Lower River Shannon SAC) and to protect archaeology (including sub-surface archaeology), and
- Best Practice Measures to protect water quality and prevent flood risk during construction.

The Requested Alterations which entail additional works in agricultural and forestry lands, additional instream works and additional directional drilling works, will be undertaken under the same Construction Methodologies, Mitigation Measures and Best Practice Measures which were submitted as part of the Environmental Management Plan, for the authorised development.

See Schedule 7a Appendix B for a compilation of the authorised Construction Methodologies, Mitigation Measures and Best Practice Measures

## 1.5 Conclusion to Alteration Request No. 1

In conclusion, EDL requests that Alteration Request No. 1 as set out in Table 1 above, be granted in the context of;

- The requirement to secure a Road Opening Licence for the UGC route under the terms of the Section 48 consent from the CRU to lay the UGC under the road,
- Tipperary County Council's request for alterations to the methodology of crossing bridges along the public road route of the UGC,
- The requirement to agree the terms of the Road Opening Licence with Tipperary County Council prior to the Roads Management Office (RMO) issuing the Licence,
- The nature of the UGC, being an underground installation,
- The proposed new route around Newport avoids 4 No. bridges completely and reduces the length of the UGC route along public roads by circa 4km,
- The Construction Methodologies proposed herein (directional drilling, dam and overpump method) have already been authorised for other watercourse crossings in the development,



- The Mitigation Measures and Best Practice Measures that are already authorised for all the relevant Construction Methodologies will also be carried out for the Alterations,
- As demonstrated in the Schedule 7A Information and assessment, the Alterations do not have the potential to have a significant impact on the environment or human health.



## 2. Alteration Request No. 2

Alteration No. 2 is a request that a planning condition be included in the terms of the UWF Grid Connection development (ABP-306204-19) that confirms that the appropriate period during which time the development can be completed is 10-years from the date of the Board Order i.e. to 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2031. An appropriate period of 10-years was proposed and advertised in the Public Notices and in the Planning Application Form for the subject development in 2019.

### 2.1 Details of Alteration Request No. 2

There is no appropriate period specified during which the development can be constructed in the Board Order dated 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 for UWF Grid Connection (ABP-306204-19).

It is requested herein that the following condition be included in the terms of the UWF Grid Connection development;

*The period during which the proposed development hereby permitted may be carried out shall be 10- years from the date of this Order.*

**Reason:** *Having regard to the nature of the proposed development, the Board considered it appropriate to specify a period of validity of this permission in excess of five years.*

EDL submits that a 10-year period for UWF Grid Connection development is appropriate because;

- The public was given notice at the planning application stage for the subject UWF Grid Connection development (ABP-306204-19), that the application was for an appropriate period of 10-years (varied from 5 years) during which the permission was to have effect, having regard to the nature and extent of this development. This period for the development was advertised to the public through Site Notices, Newspaper Notices, the Planning Application Form, notice on the EIA Portal and in a notice to Prescribed Bodies before submission of the application. **See the UWF Grid Connection planning application Public and Prescribed Bodies Notices attached as Appendix 3.**
- UWF Grid Connection is part of the whole Upperchurch Windfarm Project which includes Upperchurch Windfarm. Upperchurch Windfarm (amended) was granted permission by Board Order dated 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (ABP-310171-21), wherein Condition 3 states that the appropriate period is 10-years from the date of the Order,
- The two main elements of the Upperchurch Windfarm Project – UWF Grid Connection and Upperchurch Windfarm (amended) are interconnected and will be constructed at the same time with a projected construction period of circa. 18 months from commencement of construction.



- Having regard to the nature and extent of the UWF Grid Connection construction period where i) two substations must be constructed and commissioned and 30km of ducting and cabling must be installed, ii) where grid outages from ESB Networks are required to be scheduled during the commissioning phase of the development iii) where there are long lead times for major items of electrical plant and equipment necessary for the construction of the UGC and iv) where the UGC part of the development requires that a Road Opening Licence is secured. All of these items can take considerable time to close out. In that context a 10-year period from the date of the Order would be appropriate,
- In the Upperchurch Windfarm (amended) planning application 2021 (ABP-310171-21), the cumulative effects of Upperchurch Windfarm in combination with UWF Grid Connection are assessed within the EIA Report and AA Report submitted. A finding of no significant effects on the environment or on designated sites was concluded in these reports and the Board agreed with these conclusions in their EIA and AA for the development. The Board granted a period of 10-years, during which the permission for Upperchurch Windfarm (amended) is to have effect,
- The Upperchurch Windfarm Project has been included in the Government's latest renewable energy support scheme - RESS4. Under the terms of the scheme the development must be constructed and commissioned by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2029.
- The desirability of wind energy developments in the context of the government's obligations under the latest Climate Action Plan 2024 (CAP24) to meet national climate objectives of 80% renewable electricity (RE-E) on the grid, by 2030.

In the above listed contexts, a period of 10-years during which the permission is to have effect for the UWF Grid Connection development, would be appropriate and will facilitate the building out of the Upperchurch Windfarm project within the relevant project planning deadlines.



### 3. Planning Statement

In summary, this is an Application under S.146B of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended), to alter the terms of the UWF Grid Connection development as approved by Board Order dated 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021. ABP-306204.19. The Requested Alterations relate to;

**Alteration Requests No. 1:** Alterations to the route of a section of the underground grid cable (UGC) route around Newport and alterations to the crossing methodology of bridges both in the vicinity of Newport and along the Thurles to Limerick Regional Road (R503). These Alterations are required in order to agree the terms of the Road Opening Licence with Tipperary County Council Roads Section, whose preference is to avoid cabling being installed within the decking of selected bridges and that these bridges would instead be crossed by another method. It is herein requested that alterations be allowed in order to a) alter the authorised UGC route around Newport to avoid 4 No. bridges by diverting off-road into agricultural lands, farm tracks and Local Roads and creating a new crossing point for the Newport (aka Mulkear) and Small Rivers where directional drill is possible and, b) to change the authorised methodology for the UGC installation in certain bridges along the R503, to directional drill or dam and overpump methods as indicated.

**Alteration Request No. 2:** To include a condition for a 10-year appropriate period, during which the development can be constructed. This is required in order to allow sufficient time to construct the development.

#### 3.1 Statement on Effects of the Alterations

EDL is applying to the Board to exercise its powers under Section 146B of the Planning & Development Act, 2000, as amended, to grant the Requested Alterations No. 1 and No. 2 to the terms of the UWF Grid Connection development.

The Requested Alterations do not have the potential to have a significant impact on the environment or human health. The Schedule 7A Information/Assessment document submitted and evaluations therein, supports the statement of no significant effect. The Schedule 7A Information/Assessment covers all topics examined in the UWF Grid Connection development EIAR 2019. The Schedule 7A Information/Assessment includes an examination of all the environmental topics for potential for effects from the Requested Alterations. Where there is potential to have some effects, namely Water, Biodiversity and Cultural Heritage additional studies and assessment were carried out. Desktop and field surveys were conducted to establish the current baseline environment. In relation to Water and Biodiversity, on-site consultations with both Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) and the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) were also conducted.



In the context of the wider climate action effects of a grant of the Requested Alterations, wind energy supplied 32% of Ireland's electricity in 2024 (Wind Energy Ireland 2025), which is under half of the Climate Action Plan (CAP24) target of 80% renewable electricity by 2030. The latest National Energy Projections Report 2024 (SEAI, November 2024) states that "there is a risk of delayed achievement across a range of Climate Action Plan targets, including for renewable electricity and if even some of these risks materialise, it would result in target failure, increased greenhouse gas emissions and less renewable energy. Actions to address these risks are critically important". A grant of the Requested Alterations will allow the construction of the Upperchurch Windfarm project to begin without delay, as all the other permits and requirements for the whole project are now in place. Upperchurch Windfarm is a large windfarm of 84MW installed capacity and is a significant part of the Government's RESS4 scheme. RESS4 is a pivotal component of the Government of Ireland's Climate Action Plans and efforts to achieve a target of at least 80% renewable electricity by 2030.

Yours Sincerely,

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Philomena Kenealy, Director Ecopower Developments Limited

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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## **Appendix 1: Section 48 Consent from CRU**





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12th August 2022

Our Ref: D/22/17942

**Re: Request for section 48 consent under the *Electricity Regulation Act 1999*,  
as amended**

Dear Mr Brett,

I refer to Upperchurch Windfarm Limited's application to the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU) under section 48 of the *Electricity Regulation Act 1999*, as amended (the "1999 Act") for consent to exercise the powers conferred on the ESB under section 51 and section 52(1) of the *Electricity (Supply) Act 1927*, as amended.

Due to the replacement of Auth 2017/10-01, dated 9 August 2018 with Auth 2017/10-01(a), dated 8 December 2021, the CRU revokes its consent issued on 24 June 2021 with reference D/21/14631 and is now issuing this consent in its place.

The CRU has granted Upperchurch Windfarm Limited an Authorisation to Construct or Reconstruct a Generating Station under section 16 of the 1999 Act – this authorisation being a pre-requisite for the section 48 consent.

In relation to this section 48 consent application, the CRU understands the following:

1. this consent only applies to the section of the grid connection to be laid under the public road as indicated in the application.
2. that the application for these powers is for the purpose of the contestable build of a 110kV underground cable, 30.5km in length, to connect the Upperchurch Windfarm located at Knockcurraghbola Commons, Upperchurch, Co. Tipperary to a substation at Knockcurraghbola Commons, Milestone, Co. Tipperary;
3. that a valid Road Opening Licence will be obtained prior to commencing works;
4. that Upperchurch Windfarm Limited will transfer ownership of the contestably built connection to ESB Networks.

Furthermore, the CRU expects that Upperchurch Windfarm Limited will exercise its powers under section 48 of the 1999 Act, in a proportionate and reasonable manner. Upperchurch Windfarm Limited should also ensure that it conforms to industry best practice when exercising these powers.



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In consideration of all of the above, pursuant to section 48 of the 1999 Act, I am writing to advise you that the CRU consents to the exercising by Upperchurch Windfarm Limited of the powers conferred on the ESB by section 51 and section 52(1) of the *Electricity (Supply) Act 1927, as amended* subject to a valid Road Opening Licence being in place.

This consent is being granted for the purposes of the contestable build of a 110kV underground cable, 30.5km in length, to connect the Upperchurch Windfarm located at Knockcurraghbola Commons, Upperchurch, Co. Tipperary to a substation at Knockcurraghbola Commons, Milestone, Co. Tipperary and may not be used for any other purposes.

This consent will remain valid until the earlier of:

- The date that the contestable construction of the grid connection for the development of a generation station is commissioned; or
- The date that the Connection Agreement is terminated for the development of a generation station.

The CRU may revoke a consent that has been granted to you if material inaccuracies relative to the information you provided are found.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Kavanagh

Director, Networks and Economic Regulation


## **Appendix 2: Landowner Consent Letters**

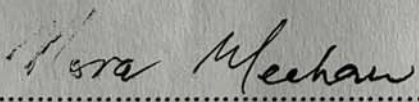


To whom it may concern,

We, John and Nora Meehan consent to Ecopower Developments making a planning application to An Bord Pleanála for a section of the Upperchurch Windfarm grid connection cable on our lands at Foildarrig, Newport, Co. Tipperary.

Signed

  
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Date... 30-11-2024

To whom it may concern,

We, David O Mahony and Mark O Mahony consent to Ecopower Developments making a planning application to An Bord Pleanála for a section of the Upperchurch Windfarm grid connection cable on our lands at Clonbealy, Newport, Co. Tipperary.

Signed

  
  
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Date 21/12/2024 .....

To whom it may concern,

I, Thomas Small consent to Ecopower Developments making a planning application to An Bord Pleanála for a section of the Upperchurch Windfarm grid connection cable on my lands at Mackney (Bourke), Newport, Co. Tipperary.

Signed

*Thomas Small*  
.....

Date *5/3/25*  
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To whom it may concern,

We, Bridget Ryan, Elaine McNamara and Vincent Kelly consent to Ecopower Developments making a planning application to An Bord Pleanála for a section of the Upperchurch Windfarm grid connection cable on our lands at Carrowkeale, Newport, Co. Tipperary.

Signed

Bridget Ryan

Elaine McNamara

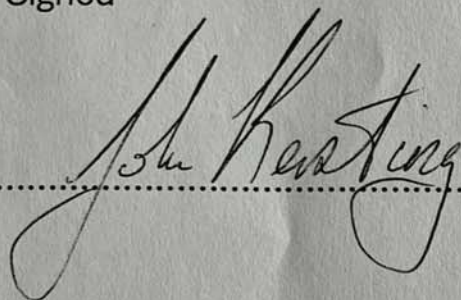
Vincent Kelly

Date 21/12/24

To whom it may concern,

I, John Keating consent to Ecopower Developments making a planning application to An Bord Pleanála for a section of the Upperchurch Windfarm grid connection cable on my lands at Kilnacappagh, Newport, Co. Tipperary.

Signed

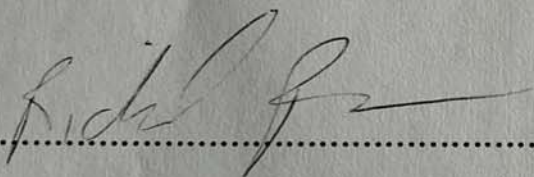
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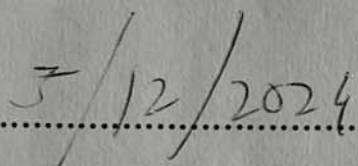
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To whom it may concern,

I, Richard Ryan consent to Ecopower Developments making a planning application to An Bord Pleanála for a section of the Upperchurch Windfarm grid connection cable on my lands at Kilnacappagh, Newport, Co. Tipperary.

Signed

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Date.....  


To whom it may concern,

I, T.J. Quigley consent to Ecopower Developments making a planning application to An Bord Pleanála for a section of the Upperchurch Windfarm grid connection cable on my lands at Tooreenbrien Upper, Co. Tipperary.

Signed

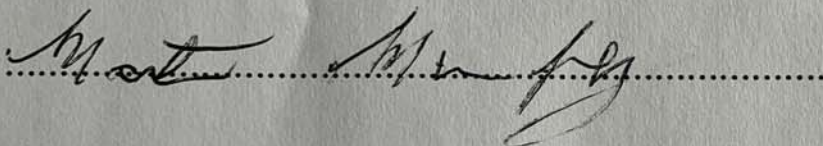
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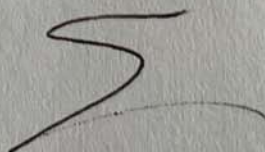
To whom it may concern,

I, Martin Murphy consent to Ecopower Developments making a planning application to An Bord Pleanála for a section of the Upperchurch Windfarm grid connection cable on my lands at Tooreenbrien Upper and Tooreenbrien Lower, Co. Tipperary.

Signed

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Date.....

A large, stylized handwritten flourish or signature in dark ink, consisting of a series of loops and curves.

To whom it may concern,

I, John Morrissey consent to Ecopower Developments making a planning application to An Bord Pleanála for a section of the Upperchurch Windfarm grid connection cable on my lands at Tooreenbrien Lower and Reardnogy Beg, Co. Tipperary.

Signed

John Morrissey

Date. 30/11/2024

Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID)  
An Bord Pleanála  
64 Marlborough Street  
Dublin 1

Our Ref: CLS\_ABP\_LTR\_630

4<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**Re: Letter of Consent regarding the Planning Application by Ecopower Developments Limited for a 110kV underground grid connection route as relates to sections of Coillte CGA properties in Fanit and Coonmore, Co. Tipperary**

Dear Sir/Madam,

This letter refers to the estate, right and title of Coillte CGA in the properties known as Fanit and Coonmore, Co. Tipperary which property is outlined in red on the indicative map (“Map 1”) attached hereto (hereinafter called “the Property”).

We refer to the proposal by Ecopower Developments Limited to install a 110kV underground cable and carry out ancillary works on part of the Property as part of the underground grid connection route for the Upperchurch Wind Farm. The proposed locations of the above as it concerns the Property are shown marked blue on Map 2 and Map 3 attached hereto. We wish to advise that we have no objection in principle to the submission of a planning application which solely relates to the proposal to install a 110kV underground cable and carry out ancillary works on the Property in the manner illustrated in Map 2 and Map 3 and hereby furnish this letter for the purposes of consent only to the submission of this application by Ecopower Developments Limited and for no other purpose.

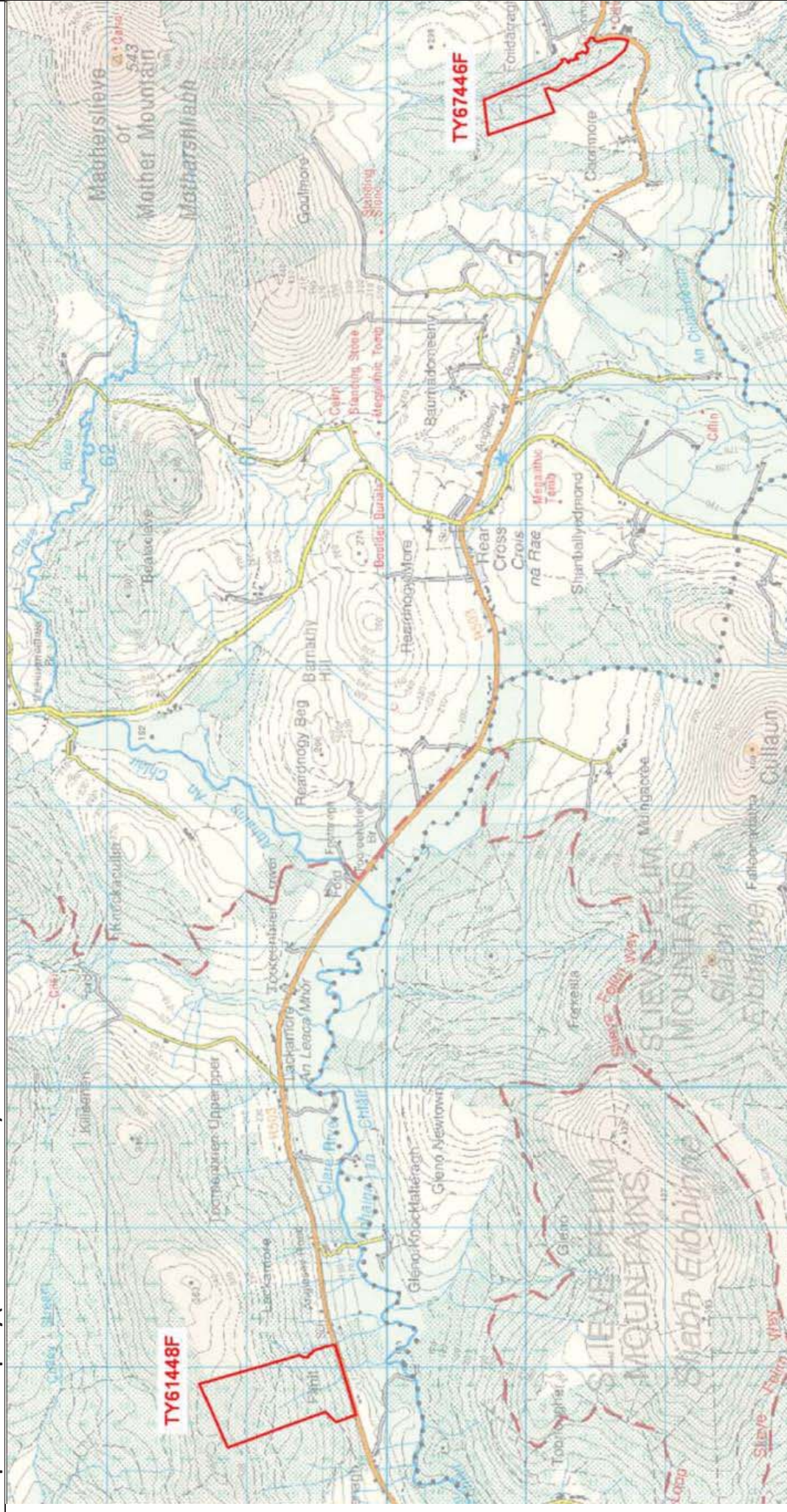
Please note that I have no authority to bind Coillte and no binding agreement shall exist or be deemed to exist until such a time as a formal contract has been agreed between all parties, executed and exchanged and all sums due there-under paid in full. Please note that this letter is not and shall not constitute a note or memorandum in writing for the purposes of Section 51 of the Land and Conveyancing Law Reform Act, 2009.

We trust you will find the above in order. Should you have further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us

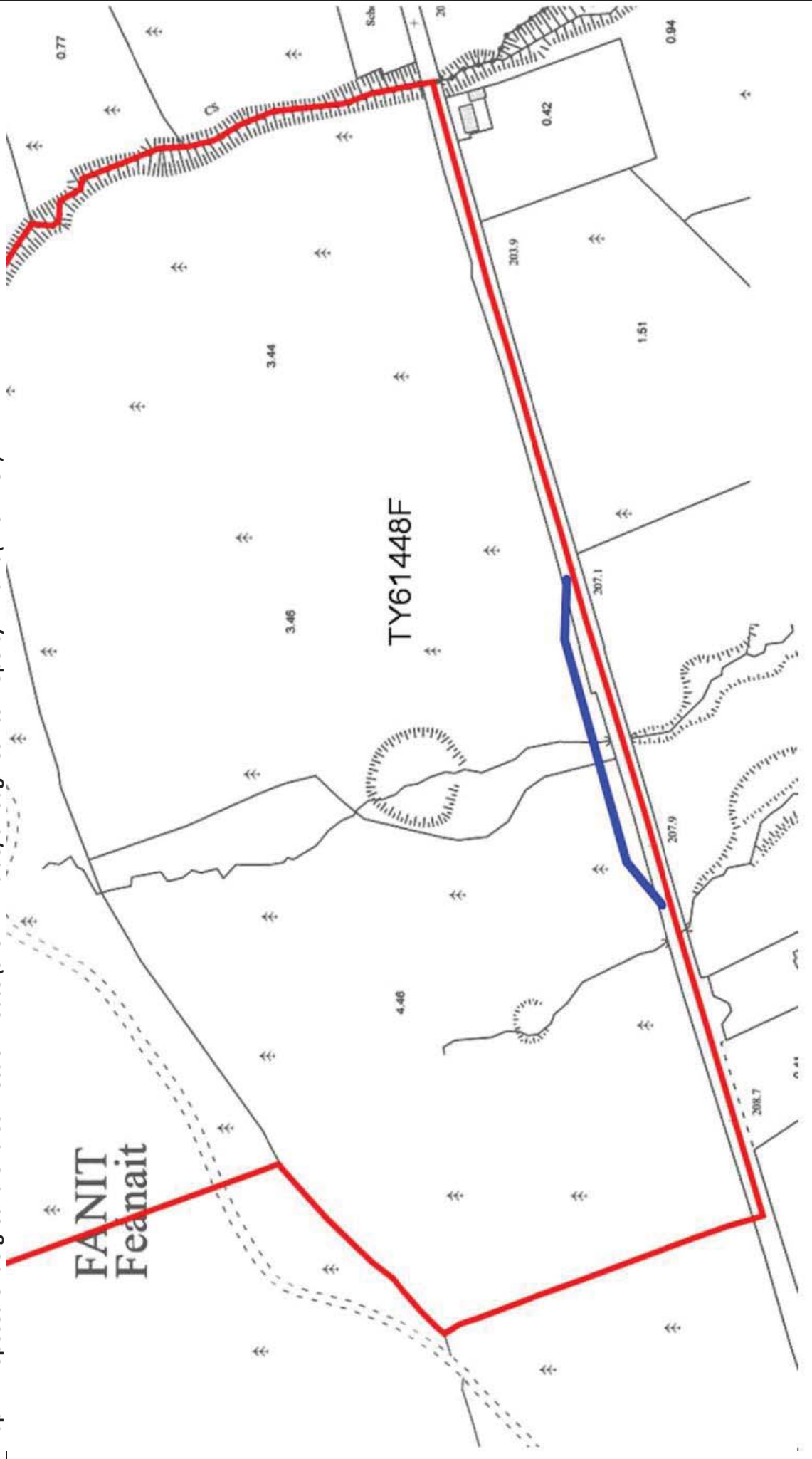
Yours faithfully,  
Brenda Molloy  
On behalf of Coillte CGA

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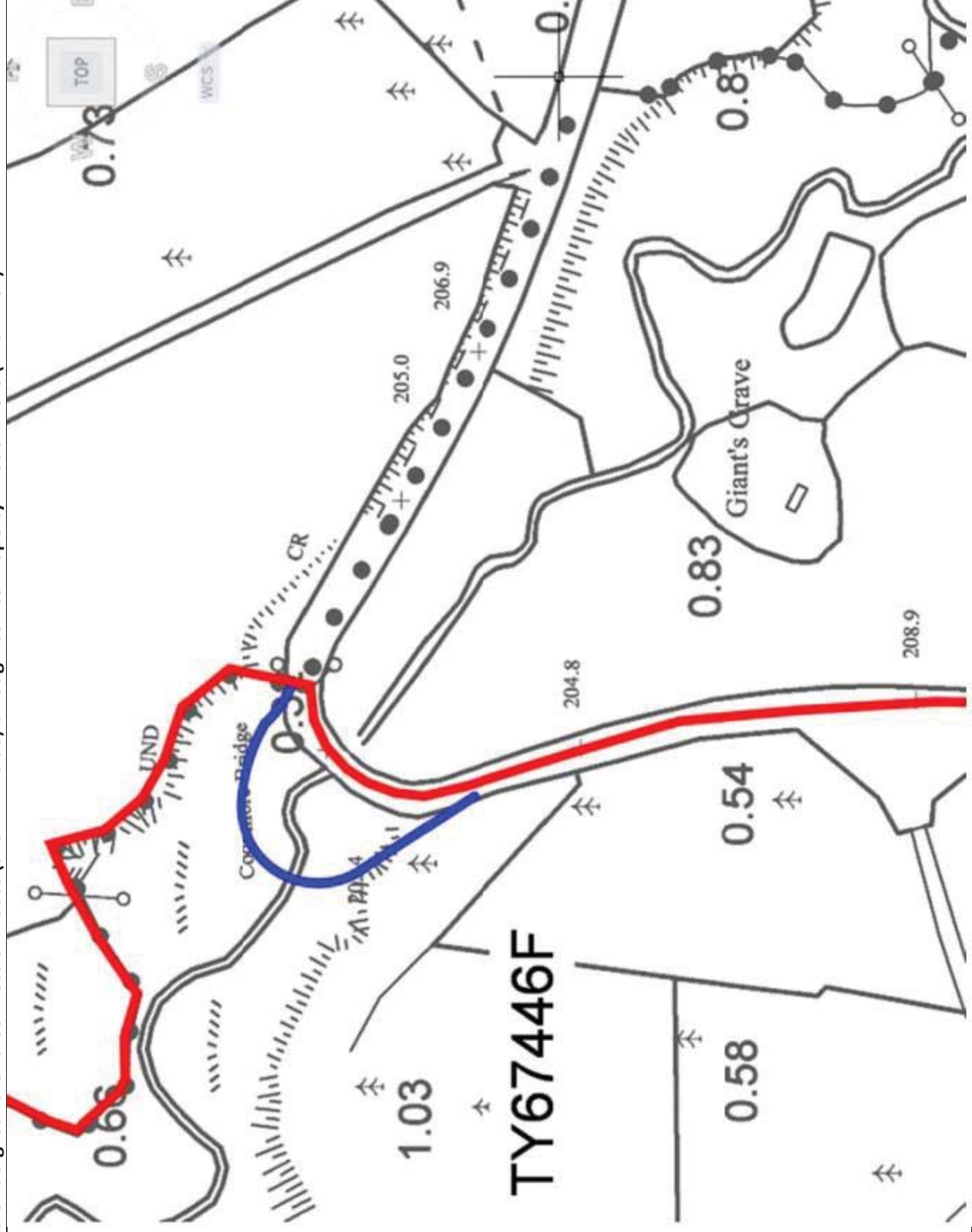
**Map 1: The Property (lands outlined in red)**



**Map 2: Proposed Underground Grid Connection Route (shown in blue) through Coillte Property in Fanit (TY61448F)**



Map 3: Proposed Underground Grid Connection Route (shown in blue) through Coillte Property in Coonmore (TY67446F)



**Appendix 3: Site Notice; Newspaper Notice; extract from the Planning Application Form;  
Notice to Prescribed Bodies; EIA Portal Public Notice**



## **UWF Grid Connection Application (ABP-306204-19) - Site Notice**

## **SITE NOTICE**

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An Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement (Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment) have been prepared in respect of this application. It is proposed that the appropriate period during which the permission (if granted) is to have effect be varied from 5 years to 10 years, having regard to the nature and extent of this development.

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and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or

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SIGNED: 

PAT BRETT – DIRECTOR,

ECOPOWER DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED, SION ROAD, KILKENNY

DATE OF ERECTION OF SITE NOTICE: 12TH DECEMBER 2019



## **UWF Grid Connection Application (ABP-306204-19) - Newspaper Notices**

- **Irish Examiner**
- **Tipperary Star**

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**Donie McNamara**

ROSEABBEY, KINSALE, CO CORK  
ACKNOWLEDGMENT and FIRST ANNIVERSARY

The family of the late DONIE wish to acknowledge the many expressions of sympathy and gestures of kindness shown to us following our sad loss. We offer heartfelt thanks to our relatives, neighbours and friends who attended the Removal and Funeral Mass, sent cards and messages of condolences. Thank you to the nurses and carers at Bishopscourt and Bridhaven Nursing Homes for their care and kindness to Donie and a special word of thanks to all the doctors and staff at Mallow Hospital and Kinsale Hospital. To Fr. Robert Young and the choir thank you and also to Gabriel and O'Donovan Funeral Directors for their professional handling of the arrangements. Please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

First Anniversary Mass on January 6, 2020 at 7.30pm in St. John the Baptist Church, Kinsale.

*Deep are our memories, precious they stay  
No passing of time will take them away*



**Kevin O'Sullivan**

BALLINLOUGH and DOUGLAS  
ACKNOWLEDGMENT and FIRST ANNIVERSARY  
Died December 12, 2018.

As we lovingly remember Kevin, his wife Anne and son David, wish to express our sincere appreciation to family, relatives, friends and neighbours, for the support we have received and continue to receive, following our sad loss. Our deepest gratitude to those who travelled from near and far to attend Kevin's Final Farewell with us and to those who sent cards and letters of sympathy. It meant so much to us to know how highly thought of Kevin was to everyone who knew him. We would particularly like to acknowledge the immense work of The Search and Rescue Team and the Gardaí. To them we will be forever grateful. Thanks also to the Directors of Forde's Funeral Services v/a Sullivan's Turners Cross, for their kindness, guidance and professionalism. Kevin is now at rest with his family, John and Kitty, Claire and Derry.

*May Kevin remain in the thoughts of those who loved him  
and will forever miss him.*

## Legal Notices

EMPLOYMENT AGENCY ACT, 1971

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**HANLEY** (Springfort and late of Gardiner's Hill, Cork): On December 11, 2019, peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, at Marymount University Hospital and Hospice, BRIAN (Cork City Council and Brian Dillons Hurling and Football Club), beloved husband of Lisa, loving son of Esther and the late Michael and dear brother of Kieran and Catherine. Sadly missed by his loving wife and family, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, nieces, relatives, neighbours and friends. Lying in repose at the Mayfield Funeral Home, Old Youghal Road of Jerh. O'Connor Ltd. Removal at 6.30pm on tomorrow (Friday) to St. Joseph's Church, Mayfield. Requiem Mass at 10.15am on Saturday. Funeral afterwards to St. Catherine's Cemetery, Killybeg. Family flowers only please. Donations, in lieu, to Marymount Hospice. House private.

*May he rest in peace.*

## In Memoriam



**Patrick Connolly**  
FIRST ANNIVERSARY  
DECEMBER 12, 2018

In loving memory of PATRICK CONNOLLY, Oakfield Lawn, Ballinlough. (Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by his children Maura, Katie, Peter and Fergus, grandchildren Finn, Freya, Scott, Jack, Sasha and Max, daughter-in-law Jean and sons-in-law Cous and Eanna).

## Kieran Mulcahy

DOUGLAS  
SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY  
Rose, Alex, Nicholas, Oliver and Charlotte remember KIERAN today as we do every day.  
*"To live in hearts of those we leave behind is not to die"*



**Nellie O'Leary**  
31st ANNIVERSARY  
In loving memory of NELLIE, late of 79, Main Street, Mallow. RIP. May God be with her.  
(Always remembered by her loving family)

**MULCAHY** (Seventh Anniversary): In loving memory of KIERAN whose anniversary occurs today.

Say not in grief  
That he lives no more,  
But in thankfulness,  
That he was.

(Deeply missed and will never be forgotten by his brother-in-law William, Maeve, William Jnr. and Jessica Sullivan)

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**HIGGINS DONE** (DANIEL JOSEPH) (Ballyshane, Cloyne and late of Inmolly Co-Op): On December 10, 2019, peacefully, passed away, peacefully, aged 88, at Cork University Hospital, surrounded by his family. Deeply regretted by his loving wife Margaret (Peg née Shanahan), son Don, daughters Margaret, Elma and Carmel, daughter-in-law Ann, sons-in-law PJ, Martin and Danny, Sean, Patrick, Kieran, Clodagh and Cathal, also Peg's sister Ella, relatives, friends and neighbours. Reposing at Hyde's Funeral Home, Drury's Avenue, Midleton on today (Thursday) from 5.30pm, until Prayers at 7pm. Requiem Mass on tomorrow (Friday) at 1pm in the Chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes Community Hospital, Midleton. Burial afterwards in St Colman's Cemetery, Cloyne.

*May Donie rest in peace.*

**LANIGAN** (Clonamondra, Gortnahe, Thurles, Tipperary): SEAN, passed away, peacefully, on December 10, 2019, at Woodlands Nursing Home, surrounded by family. Sadly missed by his loving wife Josephine (née Barry), sister Eileen (Fitzgerald), son Noel, daughter Gemma, daughters in-law Caroline, grandsons Jack and James, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews. Reposing at Egan's Funeral Home, Dublin Road, Thurles on today (Thursday) from 5pm to 7pm. Private Cremation at Little Island Crematorium, Cork, on tomorrow (Friday). The Lanigan Family would like to thank the Management and staff of Woodlands Nursing Home, especially the wonderful carers who made Sean's last few months so comfortable.

**MORAN** (Cork and Cappawhitte, Co Tipperary): On December 11, 2019, peacefully, at Marymount, PAULINE (née Lacey), beloved wife of the late Jerry Moran, Connaught Avenue, dear mother of Margaret, Siobhan, Gerold and Myles, sister of Peggy, Kitty, Nancy and the late Michael, Tessie, Paddy, Myles, Christy and Nore. Sadly missed by her loving family, grandchildren Luke, Molly, Luke, Bethany, Tara, Orla, Chris and Matt, sons-in-law Thomas, daughter-in-law Deirdre, extended family, relatives and friends. May she rest in peace. Reposing at Forde's Funeral Home, South Gate Bridge. Removal today (Thursday) at 7.00pm to the Immaculate Conception, The Lough. Funeral on tomorrow (Friday) after 11.30am Requiem Mass to St. Oliver's Cemetery. Family flowers only, please. Donations, in lieu, to Marymount.



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### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) NOTICE OF DIRECT PLANNING APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA IN RESPECT OF A STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COUNTY TIPPERARY

In accordance with section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), ECOPOWER DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED gives notice of its intention to make an application for permission to An Bord Pleanála in relation to the following proposed development:  
 The construction of an 110kV electrical substation, in the townland of Mountphilips, near Newport County Tipperary and underground 110kV electrical cables and associated communications cables from the proposed substation in Mountphilips, to the already consented (but not constructed) Upperchurch Windfarm 110kV electrical substation, at Knockcurraghbola Commons, near Upperchurch County Tipperary. The underground cabling is proposed for a route through the townlands (west to east) of Mountphilips / Coole / Freagh / Foildarrig / Oakhampton / Rockvale / Mackney (O'Brien) / Mackney (Bourke) / Ahane / Newross / Castlewaller / Carrowkeale / Tullow / Cooldrisla / Derryleigh / Kilnacappagh / Scragheen / Derrygareen / Inchadrinagh / Knockancullenagh / Fanit / Lackamore / Toorenbrien Upper / Toorenbrien Lower / Reardnogy Beg / Reardnogy More / Shanballyedmond / Baumdomeeny / Coonmore / Foildarragh / Kilcommon / Loughbrack / Knocknabansa / Knockmaroe / Knockcurraghbola Crownlands / Knockcurraghbola Commons, all in the County of Tipperary.

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The Planning Application, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and the Natura Impact Statement (Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment) may be inspected, free of charge, or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such copy) during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing on 20th December 2019 at the following locations:

The Offices of An Bord Pleanála 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.

The Offices of Tipperary County Council, Civic Offices, Nenagh, County Tipperary

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website: [www.upperchurchwindfarmgridconnection.ie](http://www.upperchurchwindfarmgridconnection.ie)

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála ('the Board') 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks relating to -

- The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development, and
- the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- the likely adverse effects on the integrity of a European site, if carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board not later than 5.30 p.m. on the 17th February 2020. Such submissions/observations must also include the following information:

- the name of the person making the submission or observation, the name of the person acting on his or her behalf (if any) and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent,
- the subject matter of the submission or observation, and
- the reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full. (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations refers).

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board.

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- (iii) approve in part only, the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or
- (b) refuse to approve the proposed development.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development Section of An Bord Pleanála (Tel. 01-8588100)

-A person may question the validity of any such decision by the Board by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986, as amended), in accordance with section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

-Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading 'Information on cases/Weekly lists - Judicial review of planning decisions' on the Board's website [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie) or on the Citizens Information Service website [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

SIGNED: PAT BRETT - DIRECTOR,  
 ECOPOWER DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED, SIGN ROAD, KILKENNY

## SPORT EXTRA

# Aldi Community Games National Volunteer Awards

There was a great evening at the Aldi Community Games National Volunteer Awards in the Mount Wolseley Hotel, Carlow on Saturday.

Congratulations to Boherlahan Dualla area winners of the Large Area Award accepted by Annette O'Donnell & Corrie O'Dwyer. New Inn winners of the Small Area Award was accepted by Jodi McMahon, Michelle Nugent & Albert Doyle. Micheal Maher, Fethard winner of the Adult Volunteer Award and to Lucy Murphy, Cashel Rosegreen winner of the Youth Volunteer Award. Lucy had Rugby commitments on the day Amy Morrissey, Fethard accepted the award on her behalf.

Tony Lee, National Deputy President made the initial presentations. Well known RTE Soccer presenter, Tony O'Donoghue acted as M.C. and was among the

guests that congratulated all winners and posed for photographs. County Secretary Joan Hogan and NEAC Delegate Seamus Hogan were there to support all volunteers whose dedication is so important to the organisation. We thank them most sincerely.

### DATES FOR DIARY

2020 is going to be busy for Tipperary games with dates finalised for several county finals already.

January 31, 2020 - Table quiz county finals in the Presentation Secondary School, Thurles. Entries on the night.

February 8, 2020 - Indoor soccer county finals in the Ursuline Sports Arena, Thurles.

February 16, 2020 - Swimming county finals, in Thurles Swimming Pool.

February 28, 2020 - Talent county

finals in Boherlahan Community Hall.

March 6-8, 2020 - National AGM, Sligo.

March 21, 2020 - County Festival of Finals, Presentation School, Thurles

April 18, 2020 - Munster finals winter games, UL Limerick

May 29-31, 2020 - National winter games finals, UL Limerick.

June 27, 2020 - Munster preliminary summer games playoffs, UL Limerick

June 28, 2020 - Athletics county finals, Templemore Track.

July 4, 2020 - Munster summer games finals, UL Limerick

August 14-16, 2020 - National summer games finals, UL Limerick

Note Gymnastics have been changed to August national finals therefore the county finals will take place next May.



Tipperary Group pictured at the awards. Back row: Seamus Hogan, St Flannans, Joan Hogan, County Secretary, St Flannan's, Moneygall, Albert Doyle, New Inn, Tony Lee, Deputy President National Community Games, Jodi McMahon, New Inn Area Sec., Annette O'Donnell, Boherlahan Area Secretary, Michael Maher, Fethard Individual adult award winner and Avril Morrissey, Fethard. Front row: Amy Morrissey, Fethard who accepted youth award on behalf of Lucy Murphy, Cashel Rosegreen, Michelle Nugent, New Inn, Corrie O'Dwyer, Boherlahan, Peggy Colville. Asst Co Sec



**UWF Grid Connection Application (ABP-306204-19) - Extract from the Planning  
Application Form**

## 9. Description of the Proposed Development:

<p>Brief description of nature and extent of development</p>	<p><u>UWF GRID CONNECTION PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT</u>  <u>CONSISTS OF:</u> THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN 110KV ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION IN THE TOWNLAND OF MOUNTPHILIPS, NEAR NEWPORT COUNTY TIPPERARY AND UNDERGROUND 110KV ELECTRICAL CABLES AND ASSOCIATED COMMUNICATIONS CABLES, FROM THE PROPOSED SUBSTATION IN MOUNTPHILIPS, TO THE ALREADY CONSENTED (BUT NOT CONSTRUCTED) UPPERCHURCH WINDFARM 110KV ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION, AT KNOCKCURRAGHBOLA COMMONS, NEAR UPPERCHURCH, COUNTY TIPPERARY. THE UNDERGROUND 110KV ELECTRICAL CABLES AND ASSOCIATED COMMUNICATIONS CABLES IS PROPOSED FOR A ROUTE THROUGH THE TOWNLANDS (WEST TO EAST) OF MOUNTPHILIPS / COOLE / FREAGH / FOILDARRIG / OAKHAMPTON / ROCKVALE / MACKNEY (O'BRIEN) / MACKNEY (BOURKE) / AHANE / NEWROSS / CASTLEWALLER / CARROWKEALE / TULLOW / COOLDRISLA / DERRYLEIGH / KILNACAPPAGH / SCRAGGEEN / DERRYGAREEN / INCHADRINAGH / KNOCKANCULLENAGH / FANIT / LACKAMORE / TOOREENBRIEN UPPER / TOOREENBRIEN LOWER / REARDNOGY BEG / REARDNOGY MORE / SHANBALLYEDMOND / BAURNADOMEENY / COONMORE / FOILDARRAGH / KILCOMMON / LOUGHBRACK / KNOCKNABANSHA / KNOCKMAROE / KNOCKCURRAGHBOLA CROWNLANDS AND KNOCKCURRAGHBOLA COMMONS, ALL IN THE COUNTY OF TIPPERARY.</p> <p>THE PROPOSED 110KV ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION IN MOUNTPHILIPS TOWNLAND (MOUNTPHILIPS SUBSTATION SITE) CONSISTS OF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 1 NO. ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION COMPOUND AND PALISADE FENCING, MEASURING 98M X 105M;</li> <li>b) 1 NO. ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION CONTROL BUILDING MEASURING 25M X 15M AND 8M IN HEIGHT;</li> <li>c) 6 NO. LIGHTNING PROTECTION MONOPOLES MEASURING UP TO 18M IN HEIGHT;</li> <li>d) ASSOCIATED ELECTRICAL APPARATUS, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT; OVERHEAD AND UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL AND COMMUNICATIONS CABLING AND ANCILLARY WORKS;</li> <li>e) PERMANENT WIDENING OF 1 NO. EXISTING FARM ENTRANCE;</li> <li>f) 480M OF PERMANENT ACCESS ROAD MEASURING 4.5M IN WIDTH;</li> <li>g) 2 NO. END MASTS MEASURING UP TO 16M IN HEIGHT;</li> </ul>
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	<p>h) TEMPORARY ACCESS ROAD TO END MASTS;  i) 1 NO. TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION COMPOUND;  j) 1 NO. TEMPORARY AND 2 NO. PERMANENT WATERCOURSE CROSSINGS;  k) TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT DRAINAGE SYSTEMS; AND  l) ANCILLARY WORKS.</p> <p>THE PROPOSED UNDERGROUND CABLING (110KV UGC) FROM THE PROPOSED SUBSTATION IN MOUNTPHILIPS TOWNLAND TO THE ALREADY CONSENTED UPPERCHURCH WINDFARM SUBSTATION IN KNOCKCURRAGHBOLA COMMONS CONSISTS OF:</p> <p>a) 30.5KM OF UNDERGROUND 110KV ELECTRICAL CABLES AND ASOCISATED COMMUNICATIONS CABLES;  b) 42 NO. UNDERGROUND JOINT BAYS;  c) REPLACING 13 NO. EXISTING WATERCOURSE CULVERTS;  d) RAISING ROAD LEVEL AND PARAPET WALLS HEIGHTS AT 3 NO. BRIDGES; AND  e) ANCILLARY WORKS.</p> <p>AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT AND NATURA IMPACT STATEMENT (STAGE 2 APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT) HAVE BEEN PREPARED IN RESPECT OF THIS APPLICATION.</p> <p>IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE APPROPRIATE PERIOD DURING WHICH THE PERMISSION (IF GRANTED) IS TO HAVE EFFECT BE VARIED FROM 5 YEARS TO 10 YEARS, HAVING REGARD TO THE NATURE AND EXTEND OF THIS DEVELOPMENT.</p>
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**UWF Grid Connection Application (ABP-306204-19) - Schedule of Prescribed Bodies  
notified pre application & Sample Notice**

**Sample Notice to Prescribed Bodies of UWF Grid Connection 2019 application to  
An Bord Pleanála under SID**

**SCHEDULE OF PRESCRIBED BODIES TO WHOM NOTIFICATION WAS SENT on 11.12.19**

- MINISTER for CULTURE, HERITAGE AND THE GAELTACHT
- PLANNING DEPARTMENT TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL
- MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, CLIMATE ACTION AND THE ENVIRONMENT
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Developments Applications Unit  
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11<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

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and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or

- (b) refuse to approve the proposed development.

Yours sincerely

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Philomena Kenealy, EIA Report Co-Ordinator UWF Grid Connection 2019

## **UWF Grid Connection Application (ABP-306204-19) - EIA Portal Public Notice**

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED)**  
**NOTICE OF DIRECT PLANNING APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA IN RESPECT OF A STRATEGIC**  
**INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**  
**COUNTY TIPPERARY**

In accordance with section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), ECOPOWER DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED gives notice of its intention to make an application for permission to An Bord Pleanála in relation to the following proposed development:

The construction of an 110kV electrical substation, in the townland of Mountphilips, near Newport County Tipperary and underground 110kV electrical cables and associated communications cables from the proposed substation in Mountphilips, to the already consented (but not constructed) Upperchurch Windfarm 110kV electrical substation, at Knockcurraghbola Commons, near Upperchurch County Tipperary. The underground cabling is proposed for a route through the townlands (west to east) of Mountphilips / Coole / Freagh / Foildarrig / Oakhampton / Rockvale / Mackney (O'Brien) / Mackney (Bourke) / Ahane / Newross / Castlewaller / Carrowkeale / Tullow / Cooldrisla / Derryleigh / Kilnacappagh / Scraggeen / Derrygareen / Inchadrinagh / Knockancullenagh / Fanit / Lackamore / Tooreenbrien Upper / Tooreenbrien Lower / Reardnogy Beg / Reardnogy More / Shanballyedmond / Bournadomeeny / Coonmore / Foildarragh / Kilcommon / Loughbrack / Knocknabansha / Knockmaroe / Knockcurraghbola Crownlands / Knockcurraghbola Commons, all in the County of Tipperary.

The proposed 110kV electrical substation in Mountphilips Townland (Mountphilips Substation Site) consists of:

- a) 1 no. electrical substation compound and palisade fencing, measuring 98m x 105m;
- b) 1 no. electrical substation control building measuring 25m x 15m and 8m in height;
- c) 6 no. lightning protection monopoles measuring up to 18m in height;
- d) Associated electrical apparatus, plant and equipment; overhead and underground electrical and communications cabling and ancillary works;
- e) Permanent widening of 1 no. existing farm entrance;
- f) 480m of permanent access road measuring 4.5m in width;
- g) 2 no. end masts measuring up to 16m in height;
- h) Temporary access road to end masts;
- i) 1 no. temporary construction compound;
- j) 1 no. temporary and 2 no. permanent watercourse crossings;
- k) Temporary and permanent drainage systems; and
- l) ancillary works.

The proposed underground cabling (110kV UGC) from the proposed substation in Mountphilips townland to the already consented Upperchurch Windfarm Substation in Knockcurraghbola Commons consists of:

- a) 30.5km of underground 110kV electrical cables and associated communications cables;
- b) 42 no. underground joint bays;
- c) replacing 13 no. existing watercourse culverts;
- d) raising road level and parapet walls heights at 3 no. bridges; and
- e) ancillary works.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement (Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment) have been prepared in respect of this application. It is proposed that the appropriate period during which the permission (if granted) is to have effect be varied from 5 years to 10 years, having regard to the nature and extend of this development.

The Planning Application, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and the Natura Impact Statement (Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment) may be inspected, free of charge, or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which

fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such copy) during public opening hours **for a period of seven weeks commencing on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019** at the following locations:

The Offices of An Bord Pleanála 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.

The Offices of Tipperary County Council, Civic Offices, Nenagh, County Tipperary

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website:

[www.upperchurchwindfarmgridconnection.ie](http://www.upperchurchwindfarmgridconnection.ie)

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála ('the Board') 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks relating to -

- (a) The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development, and
- (b) the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- (c) the likely adverse effects on the integrity of a European site,

if carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board not later than **5.30 p.m. on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020**. Such submissions/observations must also include the following information:

- the name of the person making the submission or observation, the name of the person acting on his or her behalf (if any) and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent,
- the subject matter of the submission or observation, and
- the reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full. (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations refers).

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board.

The Board may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing on the application. (For further details see 'A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development' on the Board's website [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie))

The Board may in respect of an application for permission decide to –

- (a) (i) approve the proposed development, or
- (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its approval and grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or
- (iii) approve in part only, the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind),

and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or

- (b) refuse to approve the proposed development.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development Section of An Bord Pleanála (Tel. 01-8588100)

- A person may question the validity of any such decision by the Board by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986, as amended), in accordance with section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.
- Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading 'Information on cases/Weekly lists - Judicial review of planning decisions' on the Board's website [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie) or on the Citizens Information Service website [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

SIGNED: PAT BRETT – DIRECTOR,  
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