

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED)
NOTICE OF DIRECT PLANNING APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANALA IN RESPECT OF A STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT
COUNTY CARLOW (Carlow County Council)

In accordance with section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), Prt Solar Ltd gives notice of its intention to make an application for permission to An Bord Pleanala in relation to the following Proposed Development of electricity transmission infrastructure, and associated works in the townlands of Friarstown, Grangeford Old, Grangeford, Moanalow, Glenoge, Rathnashannagh, Inchisland Or Moatalusha, Rathtoe, Kellistown East, Ballycurragh, Kellistown West, Co. Carlow.

The Proposed Development will consist of a 10 year permission for a 110kV electrical substation and associated 110kV underground grid connection, cabling and associated works required to connect a solar farm (permitted under Carlow County Council Reg. Ref: 23/60297; which amended previous permission Reg. Ref: 21/23 and ABP-309987-21) to the existing Kellistown 220kV substation.

The proposed 110kV electrical substation in Friarstown, on a site of 1.7ha will consist of:

- a) 1 no. electrical substation compound and access road, palisade fencing and gates, measuring 100.75m x 126.75m;
- b) 1 no. electrical substation / IPP control building measuring 10.74m x 20.15m and 6.920m in height;
- c) 1 no. Eirgrid switch room building measuring 18m x 25m and 8.55m in height;
- d) 6 no. lightning protection monopoles measuring up to 18m in height;
- e) Associated electrical apparatus, plant and equipment; overhead and underground electrical and communications cabling and ancillary works;
- f) Upgrading of existing access road;
- g) Temporary site construction compound; and
- h) All associated ancillary works above and below ground including landscaping.

The 110kV underground cabling is proposed from the substation in Friarstown townland to Kellistown 220kV sub-station in Kellistown East townland through the townlands of Friarstown, Grangeford Old, Grangeford, Moanalow, Glenoge, Rathnashannagh, Inchisland Or Moatalusha, Rathtoe, Kellistown East, Ballycurragh, and Kellistown West will consist of:

- a) Ca. 8km of underground 110kV electrical cables and associated communications cables;
- b) 11 no. underground joint bays;
- c) 3 No HDD Crossing;
- d) Associated works including road carriageway passing places; and,
- e) All associated ancillary works above and below ground.

A Natura Impact Statement (Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment) has been prepared in respect of this application.

The Planning Application 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 2nd June 2025** at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanala 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.
- The Offices of Carlow County Council, County Buildings, Athy Rd, Carlow, R93 E7R7

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website once the application is lodged: www.moanalow110substation.ie Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanala ('the Board') 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks relating to -

- (i) the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development, and
- (ii) the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- (iii) the likely significant effects of the proposed development on 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 28th July 2025**. 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. Submissions can be made in person, via post, and via the Board's online portal <https://online.pleanala.ie/en-ie/sid/observation>.

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)

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

- (a) (i) grant the permission, or (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission in respect of the Proposed Development as so modified, or (iii) grant permission in respect of part of the Proposed Development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind); or
- (b) refuse to grant the permission.

A decision to grant permission under paragraph (a)(i), (ii) or (iii) may be subject to or without condition.

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

Any 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 or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie

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