



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Record of Meeting

ACP-323063-25

1st meeting

Description	Pre-Application Consultation - Proposed increase in permitted tonnage and upgrade to Commercially Robust Advanced Conversion Technology		
Case Type	Pre-application Consultation		
1st / 2nd / 3rd Meeting	1st Meeting		
Venue	Virtually by Microsoft Teams		
Date	10/10/25	Time	14:15pm-14:45pm

Representing An Coimisiún Pleanála		
Una Crosse, Assistant Director of Planning (Chair)		
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Representing the Prospective Applicant		
Raphael McEvoy – Chief Executive Officer - Glanpower Ltd.		
Sean Garry – Engineering Coordinator - Glanpower Ltd.		
Stephen Curtis – Finance – Glanpower Ltd.		
Declan Brassil – Consultant – Declan Brassil & Company Planning Consultancy		
Patrick Little – Axis Architecture		

Introduction:

The Commission welcomed the prospective applicant to the meeting, introduced those attending from the Commission and invited the prospective applicant to introduce their representatives. Reference was made by the Commission representatives regarding the recently transposed RED III Directive and the definition of renewable energy.

The Commission mentioned the following general procedures in relation to the pre-application consultation process:

- The Commission will keep a record of this meeting and any other meetings, if held. Such records will form part of the file which will be made available publicly at the conclusion of the process. The record of the meeting will not be amended by the Commission once finalised, but the prospective applicant may submit comments on the record which will form part of the case file.
- The Commission outlined that a notice will be served at the conclusion of the process as to the strategic infrastructure status of the proposed development but that the representatives may however provide a preliminary view at an early stage in the process on the matter.
- A further meeting or meetings may be held in respect of the proposed development.
- Further information may be requested by the Commission and public consultations may also be directed by the Commission.
- The Commission may hold consultations in respect of the proposed development with other bodies.
- The holding of consultations does not prejudice the Commission in any way and cannot be relied upon in the formal planning process or in any legal proceedings.

Presentation

The prospective applicant outlined that they proposed to provide a presentation of the proposed development which it was noted by the Commission representatives

had not been forwarded prior to the meeting with the prospective applicant undertaking to submit the presentation following the meeting for the file.

The prospective applicant gave a general overview of the background and description of the proposed development. It continued by stating that it believed the proposed development did constitute SID as it would exceed the threshold of a project within the Seventh Schedule (3(a)) and would meet the tests in S.37A of the PDA, 2000, as amended.

The prospective applicant continued by giving an overview of the policies and objectives, they consider the proposed development would contribute to in the National Planning Framework and the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy, noting that the Glanpower development was mentioned in the National Waste Management Plan 2024 as one of two waste-to-energy facilities in Ireland, the other being Indaver Ireland Limited.

It was stated the building is developed on site, having been approved by An Coimisiún Pleanála in 2012.

The prospective applicant stated that the proposed development seeks to upgrade the facility by providing a substation onsite, adding transformers and generators, upgrading the stack design and increase the intake of non-hazardous waste material from 65,000 tonnes per annum to 200,000 tonnes per annum. (Note – condition No 4 of the grant of permission PL 19.238420 permitted 75,000 tonnes per annum)

Discussion:

The following topics were discussed:

The Commission's representative stated at this stage it would not be in a position to provide advice on the procedures and considerations in respect of the proposed development, as the information presented was not circulated prior to the meeting. It continued that it would be first necessary to establish if the proposed development was one which came within the provisions of the Seventh Schedule and would meet one or more of the tests in Section 37A.

The Commission's representatives recommended that a further meeting be arranged to facilitate a discussion on the relevant considerations. The Commission's

representatives outlined that in advance of the next meeting that an Agenda would be forwarded to set out the considerations to be discussed.

The Commission's representatives sought clarification on the full waste to energy processes that would take place within the facility, noting that this type of information would be required before any advice could be provided.

The Commission's representative noted the RED III Directive was transposed by Statutory Instrument No. 254 of 2025 in August 2025 which defines renewable energy. The Commission's representatives advised that Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) were the single point of contact for the Directive and that communication with the SEAI was ongoing to establish what constitutes renewable energy for the purposes of the Regulation with a response awaited in respect of the proposed development.

The Commission's representatives outlined the significant procedural changes to the application process for development deemed to be a RED III development.

The Commission's representatives sought clarification on all stages of the thermal treatment and considered further detail on the sources of the waste should be provided at a further meeting, given the large increase in tonnage proposed for the development.

The Commission's representative queried what were considered to comprise the most significant environmental impacts likely to arise from the proposed development and the anticipated daily operational timeline.

The Commission's representative queried the status of the proposed development in respect of national and regional waste management plans and strategies.

It was noted by the Commission's representatives that consultation with the relevant local authorities and prescribed bodies was advisable.

The Commission's representatives stated that, following circulation of the meeting record the prospective applicant may request a second meeting and in advance of same, an agenda for the meeting will be sent to the prospective applicant to facilitate preparation of their presentation and to identify the most relevant team members to attend.

Conclusion:

The record of the meeting will issue to the prospective applicant, and it will then be a matter for the prospective applicant to submit any comments on this if it wishes to do so. It will be a matter for the prospective applicant to revert to the Commission if it requires a further meeting or if it wishes to close the pre-application consultation process.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Una Crosse', is written over a horizontal line.

Una Crosse

Assistant Director of Planning