



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Record of Meeting

ACP-323063-25

2nd 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	2nd Meeting		
Venue	Virtually by Microsoft Teams		
Date	3/12/25	Time	14:00pm-15:00pm

Representing An Coimisiún Pleanála

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Representing the Prospective Applicant

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Sean Garry – Engineering Coordinator - Glanpower Ltd.

Stephen Curtis – Finance – Glanpower Ltd.

Declan Brassil – Consultant – Declan Brassil & Company Planning Consultancy

Stein Sørvig – Technology - Energos

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Introduction:

The Commission's representative welcomed the prospective applicant to the meeting and introduced those attending from the Commission with the The prospective applicant introducing their team.

The Commission's representative mentioned that the general procedures read into the record at the first meeting remain applicable.

Presentation

The prospective applicant outlined the presentation, which is attached to the file, and which included the following:

- The core process of the proposed waste plant
- Energos Advanced Conversion Technology – Two stage thermal process
- A breakdown of EU Industrial Emissions Directive (2010/75/EU) relevant to this proposed development.
- A description of Energos gasifiers
- The processes during gasification, oxidation, heat recovery and flue gas cleaning
- A breakdown of the technology designed to minimize emissions
- Energos processes and mechanisms related to emissions
- Electrical power production
- Disposal of hazardous waste (filter dust & boiler ash) and non-hazardous waste (bottom ash & fly ash)

The prospective applicant noted it believed the proposed development constituted a strategic infrastructure development as it would come within the definition of Class 3 as set out in the Seventh Schedule and would meet the criteria set out in the purposes of Sections 37A(2)(a) and (b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

Discussion:

The Commission's representatives had provided an agenda to facilitate the meeting; the following matters were discussed:

Development Proposal:

The Commission's representative sought confirmation on the waste type proposed - hazardous or non-hazardous waste. The prospective applicant confirmed it proposed to accept non-hazardous kerb side residual municipal solid waste.

Seventh Schedule Development

The Commission's representatives shared their preliminary view that the proposed development would constitute a Strategic Infrastructure Development under section 37A(2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, however it was outlined that the final determination is a matter for the Commission.

Applicability of the RED III Directive

It was noted by the Commission's representatives that both parties had contacted the SEAI regarding the applicability of the recently transposed provisions of the RED III Directive to the proposal noting that confirmation on same remained pending.

The Commission's representatives noted it was not in a position to make a determination on same.

The prospective applicant outlined why they believed the proposal could be defined as a 'Renewable Energy Development' as the energy derived from the process came from approximately 35-50% renewable non-fossil fuel source.

Policy Context

The Commission's representatives did not have any further questions regarding National Policy, noting the submission provided by the prospective applicant, and attached to the file.

Environmental Considerations

The prospective applicant confirmed that a formal request to review the existing EPA licence for the site had been submitted and that it would notify the Commission with any updates regarding same.

The Commission's representatives queried the on-site waste water treatment plant with the prospective applicant confirming that the plant was a proprietary system.

The prospective applicant confirmed the structure was enclosed with the intake held under negative pressure with the intake air used as feed air for the combustion system.

The prospective applicant stated that any noise arising would be from the air intake and air movement, standard noise emissions from operating the plant and potential tunnel noise from reciprocating pumps.

In relation to the 116 HGV movements per day mentioned in the submission from the prospective applicant, the Commission's representative queried the hours of operation with the prospective applicant outlining that given Tullamore's central location, deliveries would originate from multiple locations from 7am-7pm.

Consideration of Connectivity to European Sites

The prospective applicant confirmed a detailed screening process was underway but was not complete.

Consultation

The prospective applicant confirmed it had not, as yet, undertaken any consultation with prescribed bodies or the public preferring to conclude the pre-application consultation phase with the Commission prior to same. The Commission's representative advised that it is for the prospective applicant to satisfy themselves in this regard but that it is common practice to undertake consultation in parallel with the pre-application phase.

Other Considerations

In response to a query from the Commission's representatives, the prospective applicant outlined that ongoing consultation was taking place with the Planning Authority in relation to compliance with the permission on the site.

The Commission's representatives advised the prospective applicant to keep the pre-application consultation open until clarification is received regarding the applicability of the RED III Regulations.

It was noted by the Commission's representative that from the 1st May 2026, all RED III applications submitted to the Commission will be subjected to mandatory EIA scoping.

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 same if required. 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.



Una Crosse

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