



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Record of Meeting ACP-323736-25(PC)

Case Reference / Description	Proposed development of an Open Cycle Gas Turbine (OCGT) in excess of 300MW at Moneypoint Generating Station, in the townlands of Carrowdolia, Killimer and Kilrush, County Clare (Site 1 - Western Development).		
Case Type	Pre Application Consultation		
1st / 2nd / 3rd / 4th Meeting	2 nd Meeting		
Date	11/06/2026	Start Time	11:30am
Location	MS Teams	End Time	11:55am

Representing An Coimisiún Pleanála
Stephen Rhys Thomas, Assistant Director of Planning, Chair
Colm McLoughlin, Senior Planning Inspector
Finbarr Quigley, Environmental Scientist
Lauren Murphy, Executive Officer

Representing the Prospective Applicant
Brian Courtney, ESB
Niall O'Boyle, ESB
Andrew Foster, ESB
Suzanne Moran, ESB
Orla Healy, ESB

Daniel Hogan, ESB
Phil Bennett, ESB
Gráinne Reid, Mott MacDonald
Roger Macnaughton, Mott Macdonald
Aastha Sethi, Mott MacDonald

Introduction

The Commission's referred to the correspondence received from the prospective applicant requesting this second meeting and to the first meeting held on 11th February 2026.

The Commission's representatives also mentioned the general procedures for the pre-application consultation process referenced at the first meeting which remain applicable.

Discussion

- The prospective applicant provided a recap of the proposed development which was discussed in detail at the first pre-application meeting held in February 2026.
- Following a query from the Commission's representatives the prospective applicant advised that they are undergoing engagement with the HSA and the EPA in order to maintain COMAH status on the site.
- The prospective applicant advised that there is a grey area regarding whether the HVO fuel to be used in the OCGT needs to be considered as a substance for COMAH assessment, however, they advised that a precautionary approach is being followed in this regard.

- The prospective applicant also advised that they are undertaken ongoing engagement with Uisce Éireann regarding water demand and supply.
- Engagement with Clare County Council has also been undertaken by the prospective applicant, including the Fire Officer.
- Consultation is being undertaken as part of the compiling and preparation of the EIAR, with community liaison officers engaged. Discussions have also taken place with the operators of Shannon Foynes port.
- The proposed site layout drawings for this proposed development will include details of both OCGT developments (including that subject of ACP pre-application ref. 323737), alongside the proposals for a LDES application to be submitted in advance and directly to Clare County Council.
- Enabling works will be applied within this OCGT planning application but will also be applied for in the LDES application and the mirrored OCGT planning application (subject of ACP pre-application ref. 323737), and these works will only be initiated and undertaken as part of the first commenced development. Enabling works will include site drainage.
- Prospective applicant advised they are in discussions with the EPA. The proposed OCGT will result in the Moneypoint facility being subject to a licence review process. Groundwater, surface water, air, noise and dust will be assessed as part of the EPA licence review.
- Commission's representatives advised the prospective applicant to include a standalone water framework directive compliance assessment document as part of the planning application.
- Part of the proposed development site is on an existing coalyard resulting in extensive site investigation works. No concerns have been identified based on the site investigations and groundwater studies.

Conclusion

The Commission's representatives advised that the onus is on the prospective applicant either to request a further meeting or formal closure of the instant pre-application consultation process. The Commission's representatives advised that the record of the instant meeting will be issued in the meantime and that the prospective applicant can submit any comments it may have in writing or alternatively bring any comments for discussion at the time of any further meeting.

The Meeting concluded at 11:55am.



13/07/26

Stephen Rhys Thomas

Assistant Director of Planning