

Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

NOTICE OF SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO AN COIMISIÚN PLEANÁLA IN RESPECT OF A STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT UNDER REFERENCE NUMBER ACP-323860-25

Carlow County Council

In accordance with sub-section 8(a) of 182A of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended, Ballyloo Solar Farm Limited gives notice of its furnishing of significant additional information to An Coimisiún Pleanála in relation to the following proposed development:

Permission for a period of 10 years for development at Ballyloo, Castletown, Graiguenaspiddoge, Kellistown East, Kellistown West, Kilballyhue, Knockbower, Leagh Or Ballybeg, Linkardstown and Moyle Big (townlands), County Carlow. Certain details of the proposed development are unconfirmed in this planning application and an opinion on unconfirmed details from the Commission (Case Reference: ABP-321858-25) pursuant to section 287B of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) accompanies this planning application. The details unconfirmed in this application are the voltage and corresponding switchgear of the substation, the voltage and corresponding specification of the underground cable grid connection, and the route of the final c.0.35-0.6 km section of the underground cable grid connection to the existing 110/220kV Kellis substation. The range of parameters under which the design will fall are specified on this site notice and in the design flexibility opinion that accompanies this application.

The proposed development comprises of:

- 1) A 220kV Air Insulated Switchgear (AIS) or Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) electricity substation or a 110kV AIS electricity substation, including two control buildings, associated electrical structures and apparatus, lightning protection, telecom pole, perimeter security fencing, security lighting, water and drainage infrastructure, temporary construction compound to connect to and serve solar farms;
- 2) Associated grid connection between the proposed substation and the existing 110/220kV Kellis substation comprising 220kV or 110kV underground electricity cables (reflecting final substation option) of c.8.9 km or c. 8.65 km in length to be provided in an excavated trench including associated fibre cable and ducting, and all associated site development and reinstatement works. Two options are proposed after the first c.8.3 km of underground grid connection and for the final c.0.35 – 0.6 km of the underground cable grid connection route comprising (i) cabling in the L30535 public road, or (ii) cabling in private agricultural land;
- 3) Temporary construction and permanent operational access to the substation from the L3050, vehicular entrance and access track from this public road;
- 4) All ancillary site development, excavation, construction, landscaping and reinstatement works;
- 5) The development subject to this application forms part of grid connection and access arrangements which will facilitate the connection of the permitted Ballyloo Solar Farm (Carlow County Council Reference 24/60043 / An Coimisiún Pleanála Reference ABP-322347-25), permitted Park Solar Farm (Carlow County Council Reference 24/60205), and permitted Ballybannon Solar Farm (Carlow County Council Reference 25/60137) to the national electricity grid via the existing 110/220kV Kellis substation.

A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) was submitted as part of this application. The NIS includes consideration of the permitted Ballyloo, Park, and Ballybannon Solar Farms which are located in County Carlow.

The significant additional information will be available for inspection free of charge or purchased upon payment of a specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making a copy), during public opening hours for a period commencing **on the 22nd September 2026** at the following locations:

- The offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01V902.
- The offices of Carlow County Council, County Buildings, Athy Rd, Carlow, R93 E7R7.

The documentation will be made available for viewing/downloading on the Commission's website www.pleanala.ie

The documentation may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website: www.ballyloosubstation.ie

Submissions or observations in relation to the significant additional information may be made only to An Coimisiún Pleanála (The Commission), 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 in writing or online at www.pleanala.ie relating to:

- (i) The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development.
- (ii) The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, if carried out.
- (iii) The likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out.

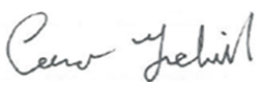
Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies). There is no fee required to make a submission in relation to those parties/individuals who have already made a valid written submission to the Commission regarding the application. Submissions or observations must be received by the Commission no later than **5.30 p.m. on the 21st October 2026**. Such submissions/observations must also include the following information:

- (i) 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.
- (ii) The subject matter of the submission or observation, and
- (iii) The reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full.

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

Any enquiries relating to the significant additional information should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Section of An Coimisiún Pleanála (Tel: 01 8588100)

A person may question the validity of any such decision by the Commission 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 by S.I. No. 691 of 2011) in accordance with section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed on the An Coimisiún Pleanála website (www.pleanala.ie) or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie

Signed: 

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