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Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
Agriculture House,
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RE: NOTIFICATION OF A DIRECT APPLICATION TO AN COMISIUN PLEANÁLA IN RESPECT OF A STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT UNDER SECTION 182A OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 (AS AMENDED) COMPRISING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GRID SUBSTATION AND 110KV TRANSMISSION CONNECTION AND ASSOICATED DEVELOPMENT IN THE TOWNLAND OF HALVERSTOWN, NAAS, KILDARE.

Dear Sir / Madam,

RPS are instructed by the Applicant, Herbata Limited, to submit this Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) application under section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) (the “2000 Act”) for the development described above and detailed more fully in the enclosed statutory notices (hereinafter referred to as the “Substation”).

The public notice enclosed with the application documentation sets out summary details of the proposed development. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), EIAR Addendum and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared for the proposed development and accompany the application documentation. Additionally, a suite of supporting documentation and drawings is submitted as part of this application. Please see the Schedule of Documentation which contains details of documentation enclosed as part of this planning application.

In accordance with section 37E(3)(c) of the 2000 Act, as a body prescribed by An Coimisiún Pleanála, we enclose a copy of the application. As noted in the statutory notices, the contents of the planning application may also be viewed on the following website: www.herbataqdc.ie.

Public consultation in respect to this application runs for a seven week period commencing on **11th December 2025**. Any submission/observation must be received by ACP no later than **5.30p.m. on 6th February 2026**.

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Comisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 (and may also be made online at www.pleanala.ie) 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 of the proposed development on the environment, if carried out; and



- (i) the likely adverse effects of the proposed development on the integrity of a European site, if carried out.

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 their 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.

An Comisiún Pleanála may make the following types of decision, under Section 182B of the Planning Act, in relation to the application for approval:

- a) approve the Proposed Development;
- b) to make such modifications to the Proposed Development as it specifies in its approval and approve the Proposed Development as so modified, or
- c) approve, in part only, the Proposed Development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind), and may attach to an approval under paragraph (a), (b) or (c) such conditions as it considers appropriate, or
- d) refuse to approve the Proposed Development

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

Yours faithfully,
for RPS



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