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Planning Notices

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 as Amended. Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Coimisiún Pleanála in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development. County Kilkenny (Kilkenny County Council). In accordance with section 182A of the Planning and Development Acts (as amended) Drumdowney Solar Farm Limited gives notice that it proposes to seek the approval of An Coimisiún Pleanála for a period of 10 years for development at Rathpatrick (townland), County Kilkenny. The proposed development comprises of:

- 1) A 110kV Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) electricity substation with two-storey GIS substation building, single-storey Independent Power Producer (IPP) control room building, High Voltage (HV) electrical equipment and associated infrastructure (to include transformer, lightning protection masts, back-up diesel generator, fire/blast wall, telecoms pole, perimeter security fencing, security lighting, water and drainage infrastructure, and temporary construction compound) to connect to and serve solar farm development;
- 2) Associated loop-in / loop out grid connection infrastructure to connect into an existing 110kV overhead transmission line (including underground 110kV cabling, 2 No. new interface towers and decommissioning of ca. 15m of existing 110kV overhead line);
- 3) Construction and operational access from the public road L34142;
- 4) All ancillary site development, landscaping and earthworks.

The development subject to this application forms part of grid connection and access arrangements which will facilitate the connection of the proposed Drumdowney Solar Farm (Kilkenny County Council Reference 25/60391) to the national grid. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been prepared in respect of the proposed development. The NIS includes consideration of the proposed Drumdowney Solar Farm which is located in the townlands of Ateamore or Blackneys, Ballyhobuck, Ballyrahan, Carriganurra, Charlestown, Davidstown, Drumdowney Lower, Drumdowney Upper, Gorteen, Grogan, Kilmurry, Nicholastown, Rathpatrick, Scartnamoe, Tinvaucosh and Treanaree in County Kilkenny. The planning application and the NIS may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such copy) during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing 7th January 2026 at the following locations:

- The offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01V902.
- The offices of Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny. The application may also be viewed on the following website: www.drumdowneysubstation.ie. Submissions or observations may be made in writing to An Coimisiún Pleanála ('the Commission') 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01V902, or 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 on the environment of the proposed development, and
- (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) and must be received by the Commission not later than 5.30 p.m. on the 25th February 2026. Such submissions / observations must also include the following information:

- The name of the person making the submission/observation, the name of the person acting on his/her behalf, if any, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent;
- The subject matter of the submission/observation; and
- 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. The Commission may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing on the application. (For further details see 'A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development' on the Commission's website www.pleanala.ie). The Commission may in respect of an application for permission/ approval decide to-

- (a) (i) grant the permission/approval, or
- (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission/approval in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or
- (iii) grant permission/approval in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or
- (b) refuse to grant the permission/approval.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development 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), in accordance with section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading Information on cases / Weekly lists - Judicial review of planning decisions on the Commission's website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie.

Signed: Conor Frehill (HW Planning, Agent)
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Death Notices

McCARTHY (Agligh, Farran and formerly of Ardagh, Bere Island) On December 17, 2025 peacefully at his daughter Helen's residence Paddy, beloved husband of the late Margaret and loving father of Diarmuid, Helen and Marie, devoted grandfather of Laurie, John, Conor, Ciara, Peter, Jack, Ben and Luke. Brother of Danny and the late Mary, Michael, Kay and Eileen. Sadly missed by his loving family, sons-in-law Sean and Niall, daughter-in-law Debbie, grandchildren, brother, sister-in-law Catherine, nephews, nieces, relatives, neighbours and friends. Rest in peace. Lying in repose at Crowley's Funeral Home Ballincollig (P31 W982) today (Thursday) (18th) from 7.00pm with prayers at 8.00pm Requiem Mass at 11.30am tomorrow (Friday) (19th) in the Church of the Immaculate Conception Farran (Eircode P31 RH92) which can be viewed on <https://www.churchservices.tv/farran>. Funeral afterwards to St John's Cemetery Ovens (Eircode P31 VF44). Family flowers only. Donations in lieu to the RNLI Castletownbere. <https://rnlilifeboat-stations/castletownbere-lifeboat-station>



MUNDOW (Douglas, Cork, Donegal and Dublin): It is with deep sadness we announce the death of DR. LIAM, Douglas Road, Cork, (late of St. Finbarr's Maternity Hospital), who passed away on 16th of December 2025 peacefully after a short illness bravely borne and surrounded by his loving family, in the exceptional care of the staff at Cork University Hospital. Liam dearly beloved husband of the late Mena. (née Caldwell) Adored father of Liam, Daragh, Ciara, Deirdre and Niamh. Predeceased by his sister Madeline, and brothers Diarmuid, Harry. Sadly, missed by his loving family, grandchildren Tara, Ashling, Neidin, Reuben, Liam, Xander, Erin, son-in-law Brian, daughter-in-law Sylvie, brother Fr. Sean, sisters Neasa, Fidelma, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, extended family, neighbours and a large circle of friends. Requiem Mass on tomorrow (Friday), at 1pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Ballinlough, Cork, followed by burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Blackrock House private please. Your support, kind messages, and presence (online or in-person) are deeply appreciated at this time.
May Liam's Soul Rest in Peace

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O'BRIEN (Ard na Greine, Seskin, Bantry and formerly Rathfarnham, Dublin): On December 16, 2025, PATRICIA (ex Bank of Ireland), passed peacefully, in the excellent care of the doctors, nurses and staff of Bantry General Hospital. Beloved daughter of the late Michael and Kathleen (Newtown East, Bantry), dear sister of Tim (California), Cormac, Michael, Catherine, Nora (Widger) Waterford and the late Mary, sister-in-law of Janice (California), Anne, Sheila and the late Jerry. Deeply regretted by her loving family, nephews, nieces, grandnephews, grandnieces, cousins, relatives, kind neighbours and all her very good friends, both in Bantry and Dublin. May she rest in peace. Reposing at Coakley's Funeral Home, Chapel Street, Bantry on today (Thursday) from 5pm to 7pm, with vigil prayers at 7pm. Requiem Mass on tomorrow (Friday) at 12 noon (live streamed on <https://www.churchservices.tv/bantry>) in St Finbarr's Church, Bantry, followed by burial in the Abbey Cemetery, Bantry.



O'SULLIVAN The death has occurred of Colette O'Sullivan (née Tully), Frankfield, Cork and formerly of Newmarket, Co. Cork. COLETTE, passed away on December 16, 2025, peacefully, after 3 days in the compassionate care of the staff in Marymount Hospice. She was surrounded by her loving family throughout her life and short illness. Colette was predeceased by her husband Con, her dearly loved son Niall and her sister Elizabeth. Colette was a wonderful loving mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother. She is deeply mourned and will be sadly missed by her children John, Caroline, Michael, Finbarr, Colette and Carmel, her daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, her cherished 26 grandchildren and adored 21 great-grandchildren, her sisters Jo and Edel and brothers Michael and Gerard and their families, her brother-in-law JJ, sisters-in-law and her nieces and nephews, relatives and friends. May she rest in peace. Requiem Mass on today (Thursday) at 2pm in St Mary's Church, Newmarket, which will be livestreamed on www.mycondolences.ie. Funeral afterwards to The Island Crematorium, Ringaskiddy for Service at 5pm. Family

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