

12/12/2025

An Chomhairle Ealaíon
The Arts Council,
70 Merrion Square,
Dublin 2,
D02 NY52

Re: Direct Application to An Coimisiún Pleanála (ACP) in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development

Location: Townlands of Ballyteige Little, Wood of O, Corndarragh, Derrynagall or Ballydaly, Ardan and Puttaghan, Co. Offaly.

Dear Sir or Madam,

Neo Environmental Ltd (“Agent”) is acting on behalf of Ballyteige Solar Limited (the “Applicant”), who are applying for a 10 year planning permission for a new 110kV Substation to connect into the existing Thornsberry Substation. The Substation is to facilitate the Ballyteige Solar Farm (**Planning Authority Reference: 2198**), and the Derrygrogan Solar Farm (**Planning Authority Reference: 22378 and An Bord Pleanála Reference: ABP 318041-23**). A Natura Impact Statement has been prepared in respect of the application for planning permission.

This project has been the subject of a Pre-application Stage consultation for Strategic Infrastructure with An Coimisiún Pleanála (at the time it was known as An Bord Pleanála) (**ABP Reference: 316480-23**). An Coimisiún Pleanála has determined that this proposed project falls within the Strategic Infrastructure Development consent process. In confirming that this project is a Strategic Infrastructure Development project it has identified 11 prescribed bodies that have to be notified in relation to this planning application. Accordingly, we are notifying you that the application has been lodged with An Coimisiún Pleanála on 18th of December 2025.

Please see a USB of the following:

- Planning Forms:
 - Application Form
 - Copy of Site Notice
 - Copy of Newspaper Notice (Irish Independent, Tullamore Tribune and Offaly Topic)
 - Landowner Consent Letter
 - SID Determination Letter
 - Schedule of Planning Drawings

- Schedule of Pre-Application Consultation
- Volume 1:
 - Planning Statement
 - Natura Impact Statement
- Volume 2:
 - Infrastructure Drawings
- Volume 3:
 - Technical Appendix 1: Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA)
 - Technical Appendix 2: Ecological Impact Assessment (EcIA)
 - Technical Appendix 3: Archaeological and Architectural Heritage Impact Assessment (AAHIA)
 - Technical Appendix 4: Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) and Drainage Impact Assessment (DIA)
 - Technical Appendix 5: Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP)
 - Technical Appendix 6: Preliminary Construction Traffic Management Plan (PCTMP)
 - Technical Appendix 7: Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (OCEMP)
 - Technical Appendix 8: Assessment of Acoustic Impact (AAI)

You are advised that the Coimisún may in respect of an application or permission decide to:

- a) (i) grant the permission, or (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or (iii) grant permission 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 permission.

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 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, and
- iii. The likely significant effects or adverse effect on any European site.

Submissions/observations are for a period of 7 weeks commencing on 18th December 2025 until 5th February 2026. Any submissions/observations must be received by the Coimisiún not later than 5:30pm on 5th February 2025.

The full application is available for viewing and can be downloaded from the dedicated SID project website at the following address: www.colehillSID110kv.ie

Should you have any issues, please contact our office at the details below.

Kind Regards,



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