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**Re: Application under section 182A of the Planning and Development Acts (as amended) by Aglish Solar Farm Limited for the approval by An Coimisiún Pleanála for a period of 10 years for development at Aglish and Currahaly (townlands), County Cork. The proposed development comprises 1) A 110kV Air Insulated Switchgear (AIS) electricity substation with single-storey 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 a solar farm; 2) Associated loop-in / loop out infrastructure to connect into an existing 110kV overhead transmission line (including underground 110kV cabling [lengths of ca.790 and 880m from proposed substation to interface towers, including HDD crossing of L2204 road], 2 No. new interface towers and decommissioning of ca. 75m of existing 110kV overhead line); 3) Construction and operational access from the public road L2204; 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 Aglish Solar Farm (Cork County Council Reference 24/6157 / An Coimisiún Pleanála ACP-323402-25) to the national grid.**

Dear Sir/ Madam

We act on behalf of Aglish Solar Farm Limited who are applying to An Coimisiún Pleanála for a 10-year planning permission for a substation and associated loop-in / loop out grid connection into an existing 110kV overhead transmission line (including underground 110kV cabling, 2 no. new interface towers and decommissioning of ca. 75m of existing 110kV overhead line) at Aglish and Currahaly (townlands), County Cork.

## 01. Development Context

The purpose of the proposed development is to transport the electricity generated at the proposed Aglish Solar Farm<sup>1</sup> to the national grid via the existing overhead lines that traverse this site. Early in the project development phase, it was identified that the proposed substation and grid connection may constitute 'strategic infrastructure development' having regard to the provisions of the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006 and established case precedent on such matters. The Act provides that applications for permission/approval for specified private and public strategic infrastructure developments be made directly to An Coimisiún Pleanála. The applicant entered into pre-application consultations with An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025. An Coimisiún confirmed their opinion that the proposed development meets the definition of 'strategic infrastructure development' as defined in the legislation by means of a formal notice dated 28<sup>th</sup> October 2025. The subject application is made pursuant to this determination.

<sup>1</sup> Cork County Council Reference 24/6157. Application is at appeal stage under An Coimisiún Pleanála Reference 323402-25

## 02. Submission Requirements

As requested, 2 no. hard copies and 8 electronic copies of the application are enclosed. A digital copy of the application boundary is also provided on USB. Details of the proposed application are also available to view at the following website: [www.aglishsubstation.ie](http://www.aglishsubstation.ie)

The relevant planning application fee of €100,000 was transferred to An Coimisiún Pleanála on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Evidence of this EFT is enclosed with this letter to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

A schedule of application documentation and schedule of drawings is also appended for reference.

## 03. Notification to Cork County Council & Prescribed Bodies

In the correspondence dated the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2025, An Coimisiún Pleanála issued a list of prescribed bodies to be notified as part of the application. 2 no. hard copies and an electronic copy of the application have been issued to Cork County Council following confirmation of their requirements. The other prescribed bodies were contacted to confirm the format in which they wanted to receive the application. We can confirm that all relevant copies of the application were issued to these bodies on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

A full list of the notified bodies is provided as follows:

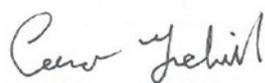
Ref	Body	Notification Date	Application Format
01	Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage	17 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Electronic copy by email and via post.
02	Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications	17 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Electronic copy by email and via post.
03	Chief Executive, Cork County Council	17 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	2 no. hard copies and 1 no. digital copy (on USB)
04	Commission for the Regulation of Utilities	17 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Electronic copy by email and via post.
05	EirGrid	17 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Electronic copy by email and via post.
06	ESB	17 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Electronic copy by email and via post.
07	Transport Infrastructure Ireland	17 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Electronic copy by email and via post.

08	National Monuments Service	17 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Electronic copy by email and via post.
09	Office of Public Works	17 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Electronic copy by email and via post.
10	Heritage Council	17 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Electronic copy by email and via post.
11	National Parks and Wildlife Service	17 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Electronic copy by email and via post.
12	Uisce Éireann	17 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Electronic copy by email and via post.
13	Inland Fisheries Ireland	17 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Electronic copy by email and via post.
14	An Taisce	17 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Electronic copy by email and via post.
15	Health Service Executive	17 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Electronic copy by email and via post.

We trust the enclosed information is sufficient to allow An Coimisiún Pleanála to process the planning application.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely



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#### Enclosures

- Schedule of application documentation and drawings;
- Notification letters to Prescribed bodies and Cork County Council;
- Confirmation of EFT.