

An Coimisiún Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
Dublin 1

09 March 2026

Re: Request under S.146B of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for an alteration to the permitted Ballinrea 110kV Substation and Underground Grid Connection (ABP-317706-23).

Dear Sir / Madam,

On behalf of Ballinrea Solar Farm Ltd. (Ørsted), we hereby submit a request to An Coimisiún Pleanála pursuant to Section 146B of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) seeking approval for a proposed alteration to the permitted development granted under ABP-317706-23.

The proposed alteration relates to a localised realignment of approximately 370 metres of the permitted underground grid connection route along Shannonpark Road (L-2473). The amendment arises due to the identification of existing Uisce Éireann infrastructure (i.e. 2 no. existing high-pressure asbestos services) within the public road corridor. The revised alignment seeks to relocate a short section of the cable route into the adjoining agricultural lands before rejoining the permitted alignment to avoid interaction with the Uisce Éireann infrastructure and to remove the need for works within the public road corridor at this location.

The proposed amendment is limited in extent and does not alter the nature, scale or overall function of the permitted development. The amendment relates solely to the underground cable route and does not involve any changes to the permitted Ballinrea 110kV Substation, the connection works within Raffeen 220kV Substation, or the overall grid connection infrastructure previously approved by the Commission.

The accompanying documentation demonstrates that the proposed alteration is localised in nature and does not give rise to any new or materially different environmental effects from those previously assessed by the Commission. The amendment will also reduce the duration of road closures required during construction and will therefore result in reduced traffic disruption compared to the permitted scheme.

Two hard copies and two soft copies (on USB) can be found enclosed with this cover letter. Payment of the application fee was made by Ballinrea Solar Farm Ltd on 25th February 2026 with the reference S146B APP GRID and the text '*Fee to ACP for S146B Ballinrea app*'. A Proof of payment can also be found enclosed with this cover letter.

We respectfully request that the Commission consider the enclosed documentation and determine that the proposal constitutes a non-material alteration that may be approved pursuant to Section 146B of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Should the Commission require any further information in relation to this request, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours Sincerely,



Hannah Watchorn

McCutcheon Halley

List of Enclosures

1. Cover Letter prepared by McCutcheon Halley
2. Proof of Payment
3. S146B Planning Statement Prepared by McCutcheon Halley
4. Letter of Support from Uisce Éireann
5. Letter of Support from Project Manager M28 Ringaskiddy to Cork
6. Email of Support from Cork County Council
7. Landowner Letter of Consent
8. Outline Construction Methodology prepared by TLI Group
9. Traffic and Transport Assessment Addendum prepared by Alan Lipscombe Traffic and Transport Consultants
10. Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Technical Note prepared by Macroworks
11. Appropriate Assessment Screening prepared by MKO Consultants
12. Addendum to the Planning and Environmental Considerations Report (PECR) for the Proposed Ballinrea 110kV Substation and Grid Connection prepared by Rubicon Archaeology
13. Construction and Environmental Management Plan prepared by AFRY
14. Ecological Impact Assessment prepared by MKO Consultants
15. Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report prepared by MKO Consultants
16. Noise Impact Assessment prepared by AONA Environmental
17. Planning Application Drawings prepared by TLI Group as detailed in the drawing schedule.