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UÉ have been made aware that Ballinrea Solar Farm Ltd. intend to apply for a planning amendment to re-locate a proposed 110kV grid cable away from the public road in within the Shannonpark Road area near Carrigaline, Co. Cork by amending the planning boundary. The proposed amendment will allow the 110kV grid cable to be re-located within private lands to the North of the public road for a limited section.

The amendment is being requested to avoid the interface with Uisce Éireann (UÉ) infrastructure, namely 2 no. existing high-pressure asbestos services which are located within the Shannonpark Road section of the grid route. Following engagement with Ballinrea Solar Farm Ltd throughout 2025, it has become apparent that installation of the proposed 110kV cable along the corridor consented under planning permission ABP-317706-23 would require the complete replacement of the aforementioned services which run parallel to the consented route for approximately 870m. The pipes would be replaced with ductile iron or HDPE materials to allow the Cable to be safely installed in closer proximity to the existing services. The replacement is necessary due to the risk of rupture of the existing UÉ services within the roadway which are asbestos material which suffers from embrittlement with age. The proposed amendment would remove approximately 370m of the 110kV cable route from the roadway where UÉ services are currently located removing the need for pipe replacement works in this area.

Given the impact of the planning amendment on the UÉ infrastructure, I have been requested to confirm UÉ position on the proposed amendment application for submission alongside the application itself. Please note that UÉ can only comment on the proposed planning amendment in so far as it pertains to the impact on the UÉ network only.

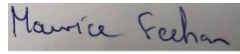
I can confirm that UÉ are in favour of the proposed amendment to relocate the 110kV grid cable for the following reasons.

- 1) Avoiding these replacement works which would otherwise be required for the installation of the 110kV grid infrastructure significantly reduces the potential for UÉ service disruptions locally. It should be noted that the UÉ services referenced supply potable water for the greater Carrigaline area and any interruptions to this supply have the potential to affect in excess of 15,000 residential users.

I can also confirm that UÉ have no intention to upgrade the existing water services in question in the near future, as confirmed by the recent publication/approval of the 5 year capital investment plan for UÉ by the CRU.

- 2) Avoiding this portion of the replacement works is also in line with HSA guidance for works associated with Asbestos Containing Materials (ACMs), which recommends that works should be planned to firstly avoid disturbing identified ACMs and such works should only be carried out if absolutely necessary and when the necessary controls are in place.

Yours sincerely,

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