



An  
Coimisiún  
Pleanála

## Application Form for Permission / Approval in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development

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Please specify the statutory provision under which your application is being made:	Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.
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2. **Applicant:**

Name of Applicant:	Bord Gáis Energy Limited
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Telephone No:	086-2060722
Email Address (if any):	<a href="mailto:owen.zamboglou@bordgais.ie">owen.zamboglou@bordgais.ie</a>

**3. Where Applicant is a company (registered under the Companies Acts):**

Name(s) of company director(s):	John Dalton, Dave Kirwan, Kerry McConnell
Registered Address (of company)	1 Warrington Place, Dublin 2
Company Registration No.	463078
Telephone No.	086-2060722
Email Address (if any)	owen.zamboglou@bordgais.ie

**4. Person / Agent acting on behalf of the Applicant (if any):**

Name:	Paula Galvin– McCutcheon Halley Planning Consultants
Address:	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Kreston House, Arran Court, Arran Quay, Dublin 7, D07 K271
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Email address (if any)	<a href="mailto:PGalvin@mhplanning.ie">PGalvin@mhplanning.ie</a>

**Should all correspondence be sent to the above address? (Please tick appropriate box)**

(Please note that if the answer is “No”, all correspondence will be sent to the Applicant’s address)

Yes: [  ] No:[  ]

Contact Name and Contact Details (Phone number) for arranging entry on site if required / appropriate:

John Hayes, 086 - 8111284

**5. Person responsible for preparation of Drawings and Plans:**

Name:	Atkins Réalis: Nik Dewhirst TLI: Damien Browne
Firm / Company:	Atkins Réalis: 150 Airside Business Park, Swords, Dublin K67 K5W4.  TLI: Beenreigh, Abbeydorney, Tralee, Co. Kerry, Ireland V92 YE97
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Details all plans / drawings submitted – title of drawings / plans, scale and no. of copies submitted. This can be submitted as a separate schedule with the application form.  Refer to Schedules of Drawings prepared by AtkinsRealis and TLI enclosed with this planning application form.	

**6. Site:**

<p>Site Address / Location of the Proposed Development (as may best identify the land or structure in question)</p>	<p>Rathmorrissy, Pollnagroagh, Moanbaun, Castlelambert, Knocknacreeva, Caraunduff, Caherbriskaun, Lisheenkyle East, Barrettspark, Cashla, Athenry, Co. Galway</p>	
<p>Ordnance Survey Map Ref No. (and the Grid Reference where available)</p>	<p>1:2,500 Sheet Numbers: 3285-D, 3348-B, 3349-A, 3349-B, 3349-C &amp; 3286-D</p>	
<p>Where available, please provide the application site boundary, as shown in the submitted plans / drawings, as an ESRI shapefile in the Irish Transverse Mercator (ITM IRENET95) co-ordinate reference system. Alternatively, a CAD file in .dwg format, with all geometry referenced to ITM, may be provided.</p>		
<p>Area of site to which the application relates in hectares</p>	<p>12.11ha</p>	
<p>Site zoning in current Development Plan for the area:</p>	<p>Unzoned lands</p>	
<p>Existing use of the site &amp; proposed use of the site:</p>	<p>Agriculture and public road</p>	
<p>Name of the Planning Authority(s) in whose functional area the site is situated:</p>	<p>Galway County Council</p>	

**7. Legal Interest of Applicant in respect of the site the subject of the application:**

Please tick appropriate box to show applicant's legal interest in the land or structure:	Owner	Occupier
	Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Where legal interest is "Other", please expand further on your interest in the land or structure.		
Lessee & Statutory Undertaker		
<b>If you are not the legal owner</b> , please state the name and address of the owner and supply a letter from the owner of consent to make the application as listed in the accompanying documentation.		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Francis and Mary Curran, Pollnagroagh, Athenry, Co. Galway</li> <li>2. Patrick and Caroline Forde, Pollnagroagh, Athenry, Co. Galway</li> <li>3. Paddy Coffey, Castlewood House, Moanbaun, Athenry, Co. Galway</li> <li>4. Robert Ruane, Clorane, Athenry, Co. Galway</li> </ol> <p>4x Landowner letters of consent enclosed with planning application.</p> <p>A letter has been provided by Bord Gáis Energy Limited confirming that the proposed development concerned is to be undertaken by a statutory undertaker having a right or interest to provide services in connection with the proposed development in accordance with Article 22(g)(ii) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended).</p>		
Does the applicant own or have a beneficial interest in adjoining, abutting or adjacent lands? If so, identify the lands and state the interest.		
No		

**8. Site History:**

<b>Details regarding site history (if known):</b>
Has the site in question ever, to your knowledge, been flooded?
Yes: [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] No: [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ]
If yes, please give details e.g. year, extent:
Are you aware of previous uses of the site e.g. dumping or quarrying?
Yes: [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] No: [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ]
If yes, please give details:

**Are you aware of any valid planning applications previously made in respect of this land / structure?**

Yes: [  ] No: [  ]

If yes, please state planning register reference number(s) of same if known and details of applications

<b>Reg. Ref. No:</b>	<b>Nature of Proposed Development</b>	<b>Nature of Final Decision of Application Grant of Refusal by Planning Authority / An Coimisiún Pleanála</b>
ACP-324113-26 (An Coimisiún Pleanála)	Construction of an open-cycle gas turbine power plant, primarily fueled by Natural Gas, Above Ground Installation and ancillary development	Decision Pending
25/61412 (Galway County Council) & PL07.500493 (An Coimisiún Pleanála)	Permission for a period of 10 years for development of 8 no. wind turbines.	Refused by Galway County Council. Appealed to An Coimisiún Pleanála and pending decision.
25/61471 (Galway County Council)	Replacement of existing OHL circuit conductor wires, replacement of angle masts, replacement of polesets and associated works	Granted on 20th January 2026.
23/355 (Galway County Council)	Upgrade the existing 220kV overhead line between the existing Cashla 220kV Substation in the townland of Barrettspark, Co. Galway, & Tower 138 in the townland of Oughtagh, Co. Galway.	Granted on 21st October 2024.
23/61460 (Galway County Council)	Amendments to 110kV Substation and construction of grid connection infrastructure to connect the substation to the ESB Cashla 220kV substation at Cashla, Co. Galway	Granted on 18th March 2024.

The above table provides a summary of valid planning applications lodged within the development site boundary within the last 5 years. Refer to Planning Statement prepared by McCutcheon Halley Planning Consultants for further detail on the relevant planning history.

If a valid planning application has been made in respect of this land or structure in the 6 months prior to the submission of this application, then any required site notice must be on a yellow background in accordance with Article 19(4) of the Planning and Development regulations 2001 as amended.

**Is the site of the proposal subject to a current appeal to An Coimisiún Pleanála in respect of a similar development?**

Yes: [ X ] No:[ ]

If yes please specify: A portion of the proposed grid connection route overlaps with a windfarm grid connection route proposed by a separate entity under Planning Ref. 25/61412 (Galway County Council) which is currently subject to appeal under An Coimisiún Pleanála Reference No: PL07.500493.

An Coimisiún Pleanála Reference No.: PL07.500493

**3/26/2026**

## 9. Description of the Proposed Development:

<p>Brief description of nature and extent of development</p>	<p>In accordance with section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), Bord Gáis Energy Limited gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Coimisiún Pleanála for approval for the proposed development of a 220kV Electrical Substation on lands at Rathmorrissy (Townland), Athenry, Co. Galway and the construction an underground grid connection route from the proposed Electrical Substation to the existing Cashla 220kV Substation. The grid connection route traverses approximately 8.1km along the L7109, L71093, L7108 and L3103 roads and across the townlands of Rathmorrissy, Pollnagroagh, Moanbaun, Castlelambert, Knocknacreeva, Caraunduff, Caherbriskaun, Lisheenkyle East, Barrettspark, Cashla, Athenry, Co. Galway. The site area is 12.11 hectares.</p> <p>The proposed development will consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) The construction of a 4-bay 220kV electrical substation comprising of: one single-storey 220kV Air-Insulated Switchgear (AIS) Substation Building (approximately 388sqm) with welfare facilities, transformer, all associated electrical plant and apparatus, one telecommunication mast (approximately 36m high), security fencing, entrance gate, lighting, lightning masts, internal tracks, drainage (foul and storm), carparking (4 no. spaces), watermains and all ancillary works.</li><li>b) The installation of 220kV underground electricity cabling connecting the proposed 220kV electrical substation to the existing Cashla 220kV substation within a trench, consisting of underground cabling and ducting, 10 no. joint bays and associated communication chambers and link boxes, 2 no. crossings of the M6 motorway and 1 no. crossing of the M17 motorway by way of horizontal directional drilling, and all associated site development and reinstatement works.</li></ul> <p>An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development and accompany this planning application.</p> <p>The proposed development will facilitate the export of electrical energy from a proposed natural gas fuelled electricity generation peaking plant, the 'Cashla Peaker Plant' on lands at Pollnagroagh and Rathmorrissy</p>
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	<p>(Townlands), Athenry, Co. Galway which is the subject of a separate Strategic Infrastructure Development application to An Coimisiún Pleanála (Ref. ACP-324113-26) under section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The Cashla Peaker Plant relates to development for the purposes an activity requiring an Industrial Emissions Licence from the Environmental Protection Agency under the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992, as amended and also relates to a COMAH establishment and falls under the requirements of the Chemicals Act (Control of Major Accident Hazards Involving Dangerous Substances) Regulations, 2015. It is noted that the “project”, subject of the EIAR and NIS, includes the Cashla Peaker Plant and Above-Ground Installation subject of the section 37E application (Ref. ACP-324113-26) and also includes the connection to the existing mains gas network (Mayo–Galway pipeline (BGE/85)) which will be undertaken via a new transmission pipeline (named GNI146) located within the townland of Rathmorrissy, Athenry, Co. Galway. A separate application to obtain approval for the GNI146 gas pipeline will be submitted under section 39A of the Gas Act 1976, as amended.</p>
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- 10. In the case of mixed development (e.g. residential, commercial, industrial, etc), please provide breakdown of the different classes of development and a breakdown of the gross floor area of each class of development:**

Class of Development:	Gross Floor Area in m <sup>2</sup>
N/A	N/A

**11. Where the application relates to a building or buildings:**

Gross floor space of any existing buildings(s) in m <sup>2</sup>	n/a
Gross floor space of proposed works in m <sup>2</sup>	388 m <sup>2</sup>
Gross floor space of work to be retained in m <sup>2</sup> (if appropriate)	n/a
Gross floor space of any demolition in m <sup>2</sup> (if appropriate)	n/a

**12. In the case of residential development please provide breakdown of residential mix:**

Number of	Studio	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	4 + Bed	Total
Houses	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Apartments	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Number of car-parking spaces to be provided		Existing: N/A	Proposed: N/A			Total: N/A	

**13. Social Housing:**

Please tick appropriate box:	Yes	No
<i>Is the application an application for permission for development to which Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 applies?</i>		✓
<p>If the answer to the above question is “yes” and the development is not exempt (see below), you must provide, as part of your application, details as to how you propose to comply with section 96 of Part V of the Act.</p> <p>If the answer to the above question is “yes” but you consider the development to be exempt by virtue of section 97 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, a copy of the Certificate of Exemption under section 97 must be submitted (or, where an application for a certificate of exemption has been made but has not yet been decided, a copy of the application should be submitted).</p> <p>If the answer to the above question is “no” by virtue of section 96 (13) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, details indicating the basis on which section 96 (13) is considered to apply to the development should be submitted.</p>		

**14. Where the application refers to a material change of use of any land or structure or the retention of such a material change of use:**

Existing use (or previous use where retention permission is sought)
Agricultural
Proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain)
Electricity Transmission Infrastructure
Nature and extent of any such proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain).
220kV electrical substation and grid connection, refer to Q9 for full details.

**15. Development Details:**

Please tick appropriate box:	If answer is yes please give details	YES	NO
Does the proposed development involve the demolition of a Protected Structure(s), in whole or in part?			X
Does the proposed development consist of work to a protected structure and / or its curtilage or proposed protected structure and / or its curtilage?			X
Does the proposed development consist of work to the exterior of a structure which is located within an architectural conservation area (ACA)?			X
Does the application relate to development which affects or is close to a monument or place recorded under section 12 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act, 1994.		X	
Does the application relate to work within or close to a European Site or a Natural Heritage Area?			X
Does the development require the preparation of a Natura Impact Statement?		X	
Does the proposed development require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report?		X	
Do you consider that the proposed development is likely to have significant effects on the environment in a transboundary state?			X
Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purpose of an activity requiring an integrated pollution prevention and control license			X
Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purpose of an activity requiring a waste license?			X
Do the Major Accident Regulations apply to the proposed development?			X
Does the application relate to a development in a Strategic Development Zone?			X
Does the proposed development involve the demolition of any habitable house?			X

**16. Services:**

<b>Proposed Source of Water Supply:</b>
Existing connection: <input type="checkbox"/> New Connection: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Public Mains: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group Water Scheme: <input type="checkbox"/> Private Well: <input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify):
Proposed watermain will tie into proposed mains connection subject of separate S37E Application (Case Ref: ACP-324113-26)
Name of Group Water Scheme (where applicable): <hr/>
<b>Proposed Wastewater Management / Treatment:</b>
Existing: <input type="checkbox"/> New: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Public Sewer: <input type="checkbox"/> Conventional septic tank system: <input type="checkbox"/>
Other on site treatment system: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please Specify:
Proposed foul drainage network will tie into proposed foul drainage network subject of separate S37E Application (Case Ref: ACP-324113-26) which will utilise a proposed on-site waste-water treatment system.
<b>Proposed Surface Water Disposal:</b>
Public Sewer / Drain: <input type="checkbox"/> Soakpit: <input type="checkbox"/>
Watercourse: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please specify:
Infiltration to ground

## 17. Notices:

Details of public newspaper notice – paper(s) and date of publication
Copy of page(s) of relevant newspaper enclosed Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/> Connacht Tribune – Published on 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 Irish Independent – Published on 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
Details of site notice, if any, - location and date of erection
Copy of site notice enclosed Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/> Date of erection: 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 The location of the site notices are illustrated in the accompanying planning application drawings.
Details of other forms of public notification, if appropriate e.g. website
The planning application, including the EIAR and NIS, may be viewed or downloaded on the following website: <a href="http://www.cashlapeakerplantgrid.ie">www.cashlapeakerplantgrid.ie</a>

## 18. Pre-application Consultation:

<b>Date(s) of statutory pre-application consultations with An Coimisiún Pleanála</b>
Schedule of any other pre application consultations –name of person / body and date of consultation to be provided as appropriate and also details of any general public consultations i.e. methods, dates, venues etc. This can be submitted as a separate schedule with the application form.  Enclosed:  Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>  Schedule of prescribed bodies to whom notification of the making of the application has been sent and a sample copy of such notification.  Enclosed:  Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/> A schedule of prescribed bodies to whom notification of the making of the application has been sent and a sample copy of such notification can be found enclosed with this planning application under separate cover.


**19. Confirmation Notice:**

<b>Copy of Confirmation Notice</b>	
Attach a copy of the confirmation notice in relation to the EIA Portal where an EIAR accompanies the application.	
A copy of the EIA Portal confirmation notice is included with this application. The EIA Portal ID number is: 2026039	

**20. Application Fee:**

Fee Payable	€100,000
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**I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given in this form is correct and accurate and that the application documents being deposited at the planning authority offices, and any other location specified by the Commission in pre application consultations, including a website (if any) will be identical to the application documents being deposited with the Commission.**

Signed: (Applicant or Agent as appropriate)	
Date:	27th March 2026

**General Guidance Note:**

The range and format of material required to be compiled / submitted with any application in respect of a proposed strategic infrastructure development shall generally accord with the requirements for a planning application as set out in the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 to 2018 and those Regulations should therefore be consulted prior to submission of any application.

September 2018





**Document / Drawing  
Issue Sheet**

Project No: 300-101269  
 Project Name: Cashla to Atheryn Peaker Plant  
 Client: AtkinsRealis  
 Developer: Bord Gais Energy Ltd

Drawing / Document Title	Drawing / Document No.	Scale	Sheet Size										
				03.06.2025	09.09.2025	30.09.2025	05.11.2025	03.02.2026	18.03.2026				
<b>Grid Drawings</b>													
Site Layout Keyplan	300101269-DR-100	1:10000	A1	N1	P1				P2	P3			
Site Location Map (Sh 1 of 4)	300101269-DR-101	1:2500	A1	N1	P1				P2	P3			
Site Location Map (Sh 2 of 4)	300101269-DR-102	1:2500	A1	N1	P1				P2	P3			
Site Location Map (Sh 3 of 4)	300101269-DR-103	1:2500	A1	N1	P1				P2	P3			
Site Location Map (Sh 4 of 4)	300101269-DR-104	1:2500	A1	N1	P1				P2	P3			
Site Layout Plan (Sh 1 of 12)	300101269-DR-105	1:1000	A1	N1	P1				P2	P3			
Site Layout Plan (Sh 2 of 12)	300101269-DR-106	1:1000	A1	N1	P1				P2	P3			
Site Layout Plan (Sh 3 of 12)	300101269-DR-107	1:1000	A1	N1	P1				P2	P3			
Site Layout Plan (Sh 4 of 12)	300101269-DR-108	1:1000	A1	N1	P1				P2	P3			
Site Layout Plan (Sh 5 of 12)	300101269-DR-109	1:1000	A1	N1	P1		N2	P2	P3				
Site Layout Plan (Sh 6 of 12)	300101269-DR-110	1:1000	A1	N1	P1		N2	P2	P3				
Site Layout Plan (Sh 7 of 12)	300101269-DR-111	1:1000	A1	N1	P1		N2	P2	P3				
Site Layout Plan (Sh 8 of 12)	300101269-DR-112	1:1000	A1	N1	P1		N2	P2	P3				
Site Layout Plan (Sh 9 of 12)	300101269-DR-113	1:1000	A1	N1	P1		N2	P2	P3				
Site Layout Plan (Sh 10 of 12)	300101269-DR-114	1:1000	A1	N1	P1		N2	P2	P3				
Site Layout Plan (Sh 11 of 12)	300101269-DR-115	1:1000	A1	N1	P1				P2	P3			
Site Layout Plan (Sh 12 of 12)	300101269-DR-116	1:1000	A1	N1	P1				P2	P3			
Ducting Through Roadway SD1 With ECC	300101269-DR-117	1:10	A3	N1	P1				P2	P3			
Ducting Through Roadway SD1	300101269-DR-118	1:10	A3	N1	P1				P2	P3			
Ducting Through Roadway SD2 With ECC	300101269-DR-119	1:10	A3	N1	P1				P2	P3			
Ducting Through Roadway SD2	300101269-DR-120	1:10	A3	N1	P1				P2	P3			
Ducting Through Roadway SD4 With ECC	300101269-DR-121	1:10	A3	N1	P1				P2	P3			
Ducting Through Roadway SD4	300101269-DR-122	1:10	A3	N1	P1				P2	P3			
Ducting Through Roadway SD5 With ECC	300101269-DR-123	1:10	A3	N1	P1				P2	P3			
Ducting Through Roadway SD5	300101269-DR-124	1:10	A3	N1	P1				P2	P3			
Ducting Through Access Track with ECC	300101269-DR-125	1:10	A3	N1	P1				P2	P3			
Ducting Through Access Track	300101269-DR-126	1:10	A3	N1	P1				P2	P3			

For & on behalf of TLI Group

\* C = Construction, D = Design, F = Feasibility, N = Information, P = Planning, S = Survey, T = Tender, W = Wayleave, Z = As-built.

\*\* C = Compact Memory (CD/DVD/Memory Stick), E = Email, F = File Transfer, S = SharePoint, P = Paper

<b>Status* :</b>													
<b>Issue Method**:</b>													



# S.18 of Application Form: Pre-Application Consultation

## Bord Gáis Energy – Strategic Infrastructure Development

### Pre-Application Consultation with An Coimisiún Pleanála

Two meetings were held with An Coimisiún Pleanála on the following dates:

- First meeting held on 20th of January 2025 on Microsoft Teams.
- Second meeting was held on the 28th of May 2025 on Microsoft Teams.

Further detail on the pre-application consultation can be found in the planning statement.

### Pre-Application Consultation with Galway County Council

#### 1.1.1 Planning Authority

Pre-application consultation was undertaken with Galway County Council's Planning Authority on the 13th of February 2025 via Microsoft Teams.

Further detail on the pre-application consultation can be found in the planning statement.

#### 1.1.2 Roads Authority

Four meetings were held with the Roads Department on the following dates:

- 1st April 2025, In-person at Galway County Council.
- 28th April 2025, online via Microsoft Teams.
- 4th July 2025, online via Microsoft Teams.
- 10th September 2025, online via Microsoft Teams.

### Public Consultation

Three public information events were held between May and December 2025 in the Raheen Woods Hotel, Athenry, Co. Galway on the following dates:

- Wednesday 7th May 2025 and
- Tuesday 13th May 2025,
- Thursday 4th December 2025

For full details on the public consultation undertaken for the project, please refer to the Non-Statutory Public Consultation - Consultation Report enclosed with this planning application under separate cover.

## **Prescribed Bodies**

A schedule of the prescribed bodies to whom notification of the making of the application has been sent and a sample copy of such notification can be found enclosed with the planning application.