

27/03/2026

The Secretary,
An Coimisiún Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1,
D01 V902

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

Location: Townland of Ballydonagh, Kiltormer, Co. Galway.

Dear Sir or Madam,

Neo Environmental Ltd (“Agent”) is acting on behalf of Ballydonagh Solar Limited (the “Applicant”), who are applying for a 10 year planning permission for a new 110kV Air Insulated Substation and associated grid connection infrastructure. The Substation is to facilitate the connection of the permitted Ballydonagh Solar Farm under Ref 2361049, as amended under Ref 2561903 and Ballydonagh Solar Farm Extension under Ref 2461749, as amended under 2660009, to the national grid. 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 (**ACP Reference: 323805-25**). 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 16 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 27th of March 2026.

- Planning Forms:
 - Application Form
 - Site Notice
 - Newspaper Advertisement (Irish Independent and Connacht Tribune)
 - Landowner Consent Letters
 - Applicant consent to agent

- Letters to Prescribed Bodies
 - SID Determination Letter
 - Drawing Schedule
 - Schedule of Pre-Application Consultation
- Volume 1:
 - Planning Statement
 - Natura Impact Statement (NIS)
 - Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening
- 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: Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (OCEMP)
 - Outline Construction Methodology (TLI Group)
 - Abnormal Indivisible Load Route Survey (Pell Firschmann)
 - Acoustic Impact Assessment (Renewable Energy Systems)

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The Application Fee of €100,000.00 has been paid directly to An Coimisiun Pleanála by the Applicant "Ballydonagh Solar Limited" with payment reference "164877489" (transaction ID) by E.F.T.

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

Kind Regards,



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