



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Record of Meeting ACP-324202-26 (VC)

Case Reference / Description	Proposed Development of 110kv Substation and all associated works located in the townland of Boyhill, County Galway.		
Case Type	Pre-application consultation		
1st / 2nd / 3rd / 4th Meeting	1 st Meeting Record		
Date	05/06/2026	Start Time	11:00am
Location	MS Teams	End Time	11:35am

Representing An Coimisiún Pleanála
Stephen Rhys Thomas, Assistant Director of Planning, Chair
Ronan O'Connor, Senior Planning Inspector
Lauren Murphy, Executive Officer

Representing the Prospective Applicant
Amy O'Connell, Electricity Supply Board
Heather McMeel, Electricity Supply Board
Rob O'Toole, Electricity Supply Board
Darren Reilly, Electricity Supply Board

Introduction

The Commission referred to the letter received from the prospective applicant on the 9th April 2026, requesting pre-application consultations under section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and advised the prospective applicant that the instant meeting essentially constituted an information-gathering exercise for the Commission; it also invited the prospective applicant to outline the nature of the proposed development and to highlight any matters that it wished to receive advice on from the Commission. The Commission's representatives mentioned the following general procedures in relation to the pre-application consultation process.

- The Commission will keep a record of this meeting and any other meetings, if held. Such records will form part of the file which will be made available publicly at the conclusion of the process. The record of the meeting will not be amended by the Commission once finalised, but the prospective applicant may submit comments on the record which will form part of the case file.
- The Commission will serve notice at the conclusion of the process as to the strategic infrastructure status of the proposed development. It may form a preliminary view at an early stage in the process on the matter.
- A further meeting or meetings may be held in respect of the proposed development.
- Further information may be requested by the Commission and public consultations may also be directed by the Commission.
- The Commission may hold consultations in respect of the proposed development with other bodies.
- The holding of consultations does not prejudice the Commission in any way and cannot be relied upon in the formal planning process or in any legal proceedings.

Presentation made by the prospective applicant:

The prospective applicant set out their presentation, which is attached to the file.

Discussion:

- The Commission's representatives began the discussion by advising the prospective applicant of their preliminary view that the proposed development falls within the scope of section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The Commission will make the final determination on this issue.
- Discussion of the proposed grid connection followed. The prospective applicant was of the view that same may be exempted development.
- The prospective applicant advised that the proposed transmission network connections are dictated by EirGrid and that's the reasoning for the grid connection route as indicated.
- The Commission's representatives advised the prospective applicant to consult with TII in terms of the proposed grid route under the M6, the prospective applicant clarified that the crossing is at an underpass in this location.
- The prospective applicant clarified that the proposed telecoms mast is proposed due to no existing fibre network in the area.
- The Commission's representatives advised the prospective applicant to include a standalone Water Framework Directive and Traffic management plan as part of their proposed planning application, as well as the documents listed in the document pack.
- The Commission's representatives note that there is no reference to flooding mentioned in this pre application documentation and if the proposed site is located outside of a flood risk zone that justification and a flood risk assessment is included as part of this planning application.

- The prospective applicant advised that welfare facilities will be included in the 110kV GIS building and a water holding tank will also be included as there is no water network in the area.
- Following a query raised by the Commissions representatives the prospective applicant advised that schedule 7A information will be included as part of the planning application.

The Meeting concluded at 11:35am.

 02/07/26

Stephen Rhys Thomas

Assistant Director of Planning