

The Secretary
An Coimisiún Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
Dublin 1

11 August 2026

Our Ref: P25164-FT-XX-XX-LT-PL-0001

Re: Pre-Application Consultation under Section 182E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, in respect of proposed development of a transformer compound and associated substation works adjacent to the 110kV Drumkeen substation in the townland of Lettermore, County Donegal.

ACP Case Number: ACP-324295-26

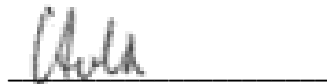
Dear Sir/Madam,

Further to receipt of An Coimisiún Pleanála's record of the 1st consultation meeting held on 6 August 2026 (ACP Case Number ACP-324295-26), we would like to request the formal closure of the file and for the Commission to make their formal determination that the project does not fall into the remit of Section 182 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

Our client, FuturEnergy Ireland Development DAC, are keen to lodge this Long Duration Energy Storage planning application to Donegal County Council as soon as possible, accordingly prompt closure of this file would be much appreciated.

If you require any further clarification on this project, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

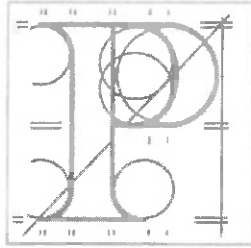
Yours sincerely,



Conor Auld, Principal Planner
for and on behalf of **Fehily Timoney and Company**

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Copy of 1st Meeting Record and Associated Letter received from An Coimisiún Pleanála on 7 August 2026



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Record of 1st Meeting ACP-324295-26

Case Reference / Description	Proposed development of an energy storage facility and associated works located in Lettermore, County Donegal		
Case Type	Pre-application consultation		
1st / 2nd / 3rd / 4th Meeting	1 st Meeting		
Date	06/08/2026	Start Time	11:30am
Location	Virtually	End Time	11:50am

Representing An Bord Pleanála

Sarah Lynch, Assistant Director of Planning, Chair

Philip Davis, Planning Inspector

Sinead White, Executive Officer

Representing the Prospective Applicant

Conor Auld, Fehily Timoney

Trevor Byrne, Fehily Timoney

Sinead O'Malley, FuturEnergy Ireland

Joseph Kelly, FuturEnergy Ireland

Introduction

The Commission referred to the letter received from the prospective applicant on the 11th May 2026, requesting pre-application consultations under section 182E 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 on the file.

Discussion:

- The Commission's representatives gave the preliminary view that the proposed development does not constitute SID.
- Following a query from the prospective applicant, the Commission's representatives confirmed that an application can be submitted under the 2024 Act following a pre app conducted under the P&D Act 2000, as amended. Transitional arrangements have provided for such events under the P&D Amendment Act 2026.
- The Commission's representatives advised that the determination would be expedited.

Conclusion:

The Commission's representatives advised that the onus is on the prospective applicant to either request a further meeting or formal closure of the instant pre-application consultation process. The Commission's representatives advised that the record of the instant meeting will be issued in the meantime and that the prospective applicant can submit any comments it may have in writing or alternatively bring any comments for discussion at the time of any further meeting.

The Meeting concluded at 11:50am.



Sarah Lynch

Assistant Director of Planning