

**Planning and Development Act 2000 (as Amended)**

**Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Coimisiún Pleanála in Respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development, County Westmeath (Westmeath County Council)**

In accordance with Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, Red Admiral DC Limited gives notice of its intention to make an application for a ten-year planning approval to An Coimisiún Pleanála in relation to the following proposed development in the townlands of Kiltotan & Collinstown, Oldtown and Farthingstown, County Westmeath.

The proposed development for which approval under Section 182B is being sought constitutes a 220kV Independent Power Producer (IPP) Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) substation, associated high voltage lines (HV), electric plant, and ancillary site development works. The Proposed Development adjoins a proposed Data Centre facility and Decentralised Energy Resource (DER) (Westmeath County Council (WCC) Planning Application Number 25/60344). The proposed development will connect to the existing and adjacent electricity transmission system (Castlelost 220kV GIS substation) and the aforementioned Data Centre facility and DER.

The proposed development will include: (i) a new two-storey IPP 220kV GIS substation building containing battery room, WC, messroom, workshop, generator room, stair cores, cable pits, storeroom, and switchgear rooms within a palisade fenced compound; (ii) all HV circuits which will connect the proposed IPP 220kV GIS substation to the existing Castlelost 220kV GIS substation and to Air Insulated Switchgear (AIS) compounds and electric plant associated with the Decentralised Energy Resource (DER) (WCC Planning Application Number 25/60344); including a solar farm, battery energy storage system (BESS) and a solid oxide fuel cell (SOFC); (iii) a 36.0m high communications tower; (iv) temporary construction compounds; (v) a main entrance connecting to the R446 public road, (vi) demolition and removal of existing derelict dwellings, outhouses and agricultural sheds; (vii) all ancillary development including new internal roads, security fencing and gates, car parking, lighting, utilities, lightning protection masts, underground services, landscaping and associated engineering works to provide for the connection of site services and foul and surface water management and drainage.

This application is seeking a ten-year approval. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) has been prepared and accompanies this planning application.

The planning application, including the planning drawings, EIAR and supporting reports may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such a copy) during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing on the 03 July 2026 at the following locations:

- The offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902.
- The offices of Westmeath County Council, Planning Department, Áras an Chontae, Mount Street, Mullingar, N91 FH4N.

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following stand-alone website: [www.redadmiralgis.com](http://www.redadmiralgis.com)

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks relating to:

- (i) the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development,
- (ii) the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development if carried out, and
- (iii) the likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by An Coimisiún Pleanála not later than 5.30 p.m. on the 21 August 2026. Such submissions/observations must also include the following information:

- The name of the person making the submission or observation, the name of the person acting on his or her behalf, if any, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent,
- The subject matter of the submission or observation, and
- The reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full (Article 217 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, as amended, refers).

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by An Coimisiún Pleanála.

An Coimisiún Pleanála may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing on the application. (For further details see 'A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development' on An Coimisiún Pleanála's website [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie)).

An Coimisiún Pleanála may in respect of an application for approval decide to:

- (a) (i) grant the approval, or
- (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant approval in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or
- (iii) grant approval in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind),

and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or

- (b) refuse to grant the approval.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development Section of An Coimisiún Pleanála (Tel. 01- 8588100). A person may question the validity of any such decision by An Coimisiún Pleanála by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No.15 of 1986, as amended), in accordance with section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading Information on cases / Weekly lists - Judicial review of planning decisions on the Board's website [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie) or on the Citizens Information Service website [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie).

Signed,



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Date of Erection of Site Notice: 03 July 2026