

Our Ref SEP-0374/WF/ACP/GISLtr_20260918_v2

Date: 18 September 2026

The Secretary
An Coimisiún Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
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Re. Proposed 220kV Independent Power Producer (IPP) GIS substation, High Voltage Lines, Electric Plant and associated Site Development Works located in the townlands of Gneevebane, Farthingstown, Castlelost, Kiltotan & Collinstown, Co. Westmeath – Case Number: ACP-324417-26

Dear Sir /Madam,

We act on behalf of Red Admiral DC Limited, the applicant, in the subject case ACP-324417-26. We hereby refer to the letter correspondences from An Coimisiún Pleanála, dated 28 August 2026 and 16 September 2026, inviting the applicant to make a submission on the observations received in relation to the above application.

We note that submissions were received from three prescribed bodies, namely Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) dated 7 August 2026 (ref. TII26-136988), the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Development Applications Unit (DAU) dated 21 August 2026 (ref. SID-WM-2026-032), and the HSE National Environmental Health Service (NEHS) dated 14 August 2026 (ref. EHIS 6103).

The Applicant has carefully reviewed each submission and notes that none of the three prescribed bodies objects to the proposed development. The Applicant's position on each is set out below.

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)

TII states that it welcomes and is supportive of proposals aimed at achieving National Strategic Outcomes 8 and 9 of Project Ireland 2040 and recommends four conditions relating to the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP), the horizontal directional drilling crossing of the M6, glint and glare mitigation and the Construction

Traffic Management Plan (CTMP). These matters are addressed in the EIAR and the application documentation and the recommended conditions are consistent with those already attached to the notified grant of permission under Westmeath County Council Reg. Ref. 25/60344. The Applicant confirms that it is content to accept the conditions recommended by TII on any grant of permission and, for the avoidance of doubt, confirms that no works are proposed within the M6 Motorway Reservation.

Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

The DAU notes that the EIAR was informed by an advance archaeological geophysical survey and walkover survey and that the proposed mitigation provides for preservation in situ of the recorded monuments within the site. The DAU recommends a suite of archaeological conditions, aligned with the OPR Practice Note PN03 sample conditions, and the Applicant confirms that it is content to accept these on any grant of permission. In relation to nature conservation, the Department states that it is satisfied that the effects of the proposed development on ecological receptors will not differ significantly from those previously identified and evaluated in respect of the consented Red Admiral Data Centre Facility (Reg. Ref. 25/60344).

HSE National Environmental Health Service

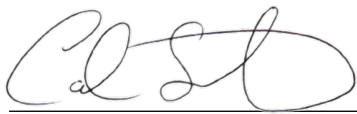
The NEHS submission cites a different case reference (322430) and, in substance, relates to the wider Red Admiral Data Centre (DC) and Decentralised Energy Resource (DER) project which was the subject of a separate application to Westmeath County Council (Reg. Ref. 25/60344) and is currently before the Commission on third party appeal (case ref. PL25M.501596), rather than to the 220kV IPP GIS substation and HV lines /electric plant which is the subject of this application. We note that the NEHS raises no objection, accepts the mitigation set out in the EIAR and CEMP, and its recommendations regarding community engagement, the implementation of the EIAR and CEMP mitigation measures and the use of sustainable drainage systems are all consistent with the development proposals lodged. The Applicant is therefore content to accept conditions to that effect.

Having regard to the foregoing, the Applicant does not consider that any further information or assessment is required in order for the Commission to determine the application. The issues raised in the submissions are addressed in the planning application documentation lodged, including the EIAR and the CEMP, and the Applicant confirms that it is content to accept the conditions recommended by the prescribed bodies on any grant of permission.

The applicant respectfully requests that the Commission determine the subject case and grant permission for the proposed development, subject to such conditions as the Commission considers appropriate.

We would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this submission. Should the Commission have any queries relating to this, please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,



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