

Our Ref SEP-0374/WF/ACP/GISLtr_20260929_v1

Date: 29 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 correspondence from An Coimisiún Pleanála dated 18 September 2026, inviting the applicant to make a submission on the submission received from Westmeath County Council (WCC), the Planning Authority, in relation to the above application.

The Applicant has carefully reviewed the Planning Authority's submission dated 18 September 2026. The Planning Authority has assessed the proposed development having regard to the Westmeath County Development Plan 2021-2027, national and regional policy, the planning history of the area and the EIAR submitted with the application. It concludes that the proposed development constitutes strategic electricity infrastructure that is appropriate at this location, that it is acceptable in principle and consistent with the relevant provisions of the Development Plan, and that it accords with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. The Planning Authority recommends that approval be granted, subject to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) determinations of the Commission and to appropriate conditions..

The Applicant welcomes the Planning Authority's recommendation. The Planning Authority's assessment confirms that the proposed development forms an integral component of the wider Red Admiral Data Centre and Decentralised Energy Resource project, the subject of the Planning Authority's decision to grant permission under Reg. Ref. 25/60344. The Planning Authority recognises that the EIAR lodged in support of both planning applications assesses both developments as a single integrated project, and that the proposed development can be accommodated on the site without giving rise to unacceptable impacts on the receiving environment /receptors.

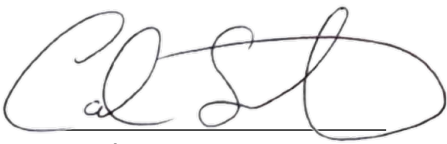
We note that conditions recommended by the Planning Authority at Appendix 1 of its submission are consistent in substance with, those attached to the Planning Authority's notification of decision to grant permission under WCC Planning Ref. 25/60344 (dated 2 June 2026) and the Applicant confirms that it is content to accept the conditions recommended by the Planning Authority on any grant of permission.

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 matters addressed in the Planning Authority's submission are addressed in the planning application documentation lodged.

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,



Mr Colm Staunton

Director
Halston Environmental & Planning Limited