



Strategic Infrastructure Developments,
An Coimisiún Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1,
Ireland,
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Our ref: 220825

Your ref: ABP-319153-24

Date: 7th July 2026

Re: Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended – Strategic Infrastructure Development Planning Application to An Coimisiún Pleanála for a Proposed Development which consists of a 110kV onsite electrical substation, loop-in grid connection, and associated infrastructure and works, in the townland of Cloonbaul, County Mayo.

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of our client, Cunlaghfadda Green Energy Limited ('the Applicant'), with a registered address of Cunlaghfadda Green Energy Limited, Unit 74, Penrose Wharf, Penrose Quay, Cork, Ireland, please find enclosed a Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) planning application for a Proposed Development which consists of a 110kV onsite electrical substation, loop-in grid connection, and associated infrastructure and works, in the townland of Cloonbaul, County Mayo.

Background

This SID planning application is being made directly to An Coimisiún Pleanála ('the Commission' or 'ACP') under the provisions of Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended ('the Planning Act').

The Applicant engaged with the Commission, then An Bord Pleanála, under the provisions of Section 182E of the Planning Act, as to whether the Proposed Development would meet the thresholds of the Seventh Schedule of the Planning Act. The Applicant opened consultations with the Commission in February 2024 in relation to the Proposed Development which comprises an onsite 110kV electrical substation which will connect into the existing Castlebar to Cloon 110kV overhead line that traverses the site, via a loop in loop out connection. An SID meeting under the provisions of Section 182E of the Planning Act was held with the Commission on the 9th of May 2024.

A letter received from the Commission dated the 4th of July 2024 stated that under Section 182E, it is the opinion of the Commission that the Proposed Development falls within the scope of the Section 182A of the Planning Act. This confirmed that the Proposed Development constitutes SID and therefore the planning application should be made directly to the Commission. The ACP SID Status Confirmation is included in Addendum 4 of the SID Planning Application Form.

Proposed Development

The Proposed Development description, as per the public notices is as follows:

"In accordance with Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, Cunlaghfadda Green Energy Limited gives notice of its intention to make an application to An

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Coimisiún Pleanála for permission for the following proposed development in the townland of Cloonbaul, Co. Mayo.

The proposed development will consist of the provision of the following:

- i. 1 no. 110kV electrical substation compound consisting of 2 no. single storey control buildings with welfare facilities, all associated electrical plant and apparatus, underground cabling, lighting columns, lightning masts, fencing and access gates, signage, 2 no. wastewater holding tanks and 2 no. rainwater harvesting tanks;*
- ii. The installation of c. 982 metres of 110kV underground cabling, 2 no. new end masts with a height of c. 16 metres and associated hard-standing areas to facilitate the new 'loop-in/loop-out' connection into the existing Castlebar to Cloon 110kV overhead line;*
- iii. A telecommunications tower with a height of 36 metres and associated foundation, hard-standing area, fencing and access gate;*
- iv. A temporary construction compound;*
- v. Provision of new permanent and temporary construction site access tracks;*
- vi. Tree felling and vegetation removal;*
- vii. Site drainage; and*
- viii. All related site works above and below ground and all ancillary development.*

A ten-year planning permission is sought."

SID Planning Application Contents

The following documents are included in the SID planning application pack submitted to the Commission:

> SID Planning Application Documents

- Cover Letter
 - Appendix 1: Images of all Site Notices erected on Site
 - Appendix 2: Agreement of SID Planning Application Drawing scales with ACP
 - Appendix 3: Confirmation of SID Planning Application Fee Payment
- SID Planning Application Form
 - Addendum 1: Schedule of SID Planning Application Drawings
 - Addendum 2: Landowner Letters of Consent
 - Addendum 3: Pre-Application Consultation
 - Addendum 4: ACP SID Status Confirmation
 - Addendum 5: Prescribed Body Letters
 - Addendum 6: EIA Portal ID Confirmation
- Site Notice
- National Newspaper Notice – Irish Independent
- Local Newspaper Notice – Western People

> Planning Report

> SID Planning Application Drawings

> Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)

- **Volume 1** – Non-Technical Summary (NTS) and Main Report
- **Volume 2** – Photomontage Booklet
- **Volume 3** – EIAR Appendices

> Natura Impact Statement (NIS)

1 no. hard copy and 9 no. electronic copies of the SID planning application pack have been submitted to the Commission, as agreed with the Commission prior to lodgement. Mayo County Council have

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also been provided with a copy of the SID planning application pack, which will be available for inspection at their main office between 9:30am to 1pm and 2pm to 4:30pm, Monday to Friday.

The SID planning application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website: cunlaghfaddagreenenergyplanning.ie. All Prescribed Bodies set out in the ACP SID Status Confirmation included in Addendum 4 of the SID Planning Application Form, have been provided with a copy of the SID planning application pack. The Prescribed Body Letters are included in Addendum 5 of the SID Planning Application Form.

The EIA Portal was notified of this SID planning application on the 2nd of July 2026. The EIA Portal ID reference is 2026111. The EIA Portal ID Confirmation is included in Addendum 6 of the SID Planning Application Form.

SID Planning Application Form

A completed SID Planning Application Form is included as part of this SID planning application. The SID Planning Application Form Addendums, include the following: Schedule of SID Planning Application Drawings; Landowner Letters of Consent; Pre-Application Consultation; ACP SID Status Confirmation; Prescribed Body Letters; and EIA Portal ID Confirmation.

Site Notice

Site notices were erected on site on the 6th of July 2026. Images of all site notices erected on site are included in Appendix 1. The site notice is included as part of this SID planning application.

National Newspaper Notice

A newspaper notice was published in the Western People on the 7th of July 2026. The newspaper notice is included as part of this SID planning application.

Local Newspaper Notice

A newspaper notice was published in the Irish Independent on the 7th of July 2026. The newspaper notice is included as part of this SID planning application.

Planning Report

A Planning Report has been prepared in support of the Proposed Development and is included as part of this SID planning application. The Planning Report provides an assessment of the Proposed Development against the relevant planning policy.

SID Planning Application Drawings

A full set of SID planning application drawings and a drawing schedule have been prepared by MKO, TLI Group, Fehily Timoney and Company, and Hydro-Environmental Services in accordance with the Planning and Regulations 2001, as amended ('the Planning Regulations') and are included with this SID planning application. All SID planning application drawings are provided at scales which the Commission have agreed as being acceptable by email on the 24th of June 2026, a copy of this correspondence is included in Appendix 2.

Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)

An EIAR has been prepared and is included as part of this SID planning application. The EIAR is structured as follows:

- > Volume 1 – Non-Technical Summary (NTS) and Main Report
- > Volume 2 – Photomontage Booklet

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> Volume 3 – EIAR Appendices

Natura Impact Statement (EIAR)

An Appropriate Assessment Screening Report (AASR) and NIS has been prepared and is included as part of this SID planning application.

SID Planning Application Fee

The SID planning application fee of €100,000 has been paid by EFT payment on the 2nd of July 2026, see details below:

- > Payment of SID Planning Application Fee: €100,000
- > Sender's Name: CUNLAGHFADDA GREEN ENERGY LTD
- > Sender's Message: Cunlaghfadda Green Energy Ltd
- > Payment Reference No.: IE26070221794857

Confirmation of SID planning application fee payment is included in Appendix 3.

I trust that the Commission now have all the information required to progress the SID planning application. If however, there is anything further or you have a query on any matter in relation to this SID planning application, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Francesca Rowson

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Senior Planner

MKO

Enclosed

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