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Re: Application under section 182A of the Planning and Development Acts (as amended) by Reeve Wave Ltd. for the approval by An Coimisiún Pleanála for a period of 10 years for development at Ballyglass, Blackwater, Castlebank, Lakyle, Mountcatherine, Oakfield, Parkroe, Reanabrone, Rosmadda West and Ruanard (townlands), Ardnacrusha, County Clare . The proposed development will consist of the provision of the following: A 110 kilovolt (kV) Air-Insulated Switchgear (AIS) electrical substation, including 2 no. single-storey control buildings with staff welfare facilities, underground wastewater storage tank, all associated electrical plant, cabling, equipment and apparatus, and security fencing, within a substation compound with a total footprint of approximately 0.8 ha; 5.6 kilometre (km) 110kV underground cabling route, with 4.75km following the public road corridor and 0.85km along new proposed access track across agricultural grassland and private access tracks (including joint bays, communication and earth sheath link chambers and all ancillary works along the route); 1 no. temporary construction compound (including offices and staff welfare facilities); temporary construction and operational access from a new entrance from the L70382; Spoil management, landscaping and earthworks; Site drainage; All ancillary works and apparatus. The development subject to this application forms part of grid connection and access arrangements which will facilitate the connection of the permitted Ballyglass Solar Array Phase 1 (Clare County Council Reference P22-591 and An Coimisiún Pleanála Reference ABP-316043-23) and Phase 2 (Clare County Council Reference P24-60485 and An Coimisiún Pleanála Reference PL-500253-CE-25) to the national grid. This application is accompanied by a Natura Impact Statement (NIS).

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We act on behalf of Reeve Wave Ltd. who are applying to An Coimisiún Pleanála for a 10-year planning permission for a substation, underground grid connection and associated infrastructure at Ballyglass, Blackwater, Castlebank, Lakyle, Mountcatherine, Oakfield, Parkroe, Reanabrone, Rosmadda West and Ruanard (townlands), Ardnacrusha, County Clare.

01. Development Context

The purpose of the proposed development is to transport the electricity generated at the Ballyglass Solar Array Phases 1 and 2 to the national grid via a grid connection to the existing Ardnacrusha 110kV Substation. Early in the project development phase, it was identified that the proposed substation and grid connection may constitute 'strategic infrastructure development' having regard to the provisions of the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006 and established case precedent on such matters. The Act provides that applications for permission/approval for specified private and public strategic infrastructure developments be made directly to An Coimisiún Pleanála. The applicant entered into pre-application consultations with An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 8th June 2022. An Coimisiún confirmed their opinion that the proposed development meets the definition of 'strategic infrastructure development' as defined in the legislation by means of a Board Direction dated 22nd July 2024. The subject application is made pursuant to this determination.

02. Submission Requirements

As requested, 1 no. hard copy and 9 electronic copies of the application are enclosed. A digital copy of the application boundary is also provided separately. Details of the proposed application are also available to view at the following website: ballyglassgridplanning.com

The relevant planning application fee of €100,000 was transferred to An Coimisiún Pleanála on 23 July 2026. Evidence of this EFT is enclosed with this letter to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

A schedule of application documentation and schedule of drawings is also appended for reference.

03. Notification to Clare County Council & Prescribed Bodies

In the Board Direction dated the 22nd July 2024, An Coimisiún Pleanála issued a list of prescribed bodies to be notified as part of the application. 1 no. hard copy and an electronic copy of the application have been issued to Clare County Council following confirmation of their requirements. All of the other prescribed bodies were contacted to confirm the format in which they wanted to receive the application. We can confirm that all relevant copies of the application were issued to these bodies on the 31 July 2026.

A full list of the notified bodies is provided as follows:

Ref	Body	Notification Date	Application Format
01	Chief Executive, Clare County Council	31 July 2026	1 no. hard copies and 1 no. digital copy (via USB)
02	Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government - DAU for Archaeology and Nature Conservation	31 July 2026	Electronic copy by email and via post.
03	The Heritage Council	31 July 2026	Electronic copy by email and via post.
04	An Taisce	31 July 2026	Electronic copy by email and via post.
05	Inland Fisheries Ireland	31 July 2026	Electronic copy by email and via post.
06	Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources	31 July 2026	Electronic copy by email and via post.
07	Irish Water	31 July 2026	Electronic copy by email and via post.
08	Commission for Regulation of Utilities	31 July 2026	Electronic copy by email and via post.



We trust the enclosed information is sufficient to allow An Coimisiún Pleanála to process the planning application.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Conor Frehill'.

Conor Frehill

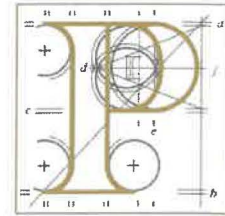
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Enclosures

- Schedule of application documentation and drawings;
- Notification letters to Prescribed bodies and Clare County Council;
- Confirmation of EFT.

Our Case Number: ABP-313767-22

Your Reference: Reeve Wave Limited



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Date: 24 July 2024

Re: Proposed development of a 110kV substation at Coolderry, Co. Clare and associated 110kV underground cabling to Ardnacrusha 110kV substation.
Within the townland of Coolderry, Co. Clare.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer further to the above-mentioned pre-application consultation. Please be advised that following consideration of the issues raised during the consultation process the Board is of the opinion that the proposed development falls within the scope of section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Accordingly, the Board decided that the proposed development would be strategic infrastructure within the meaning of section 182A of the Act. Any application for approval for the proposed development must therefore be made directly to An Bord Pleanála under section 182A(1) of the Act.

Please also be informed that the Board considers that the pre-application consultation process in respect of this proposed development is now closed.

Attached is a list of prescribed bodies to be notified of the application for the proposed development.

- Clare County Council
- Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government – DAU for Archaeology and Nature Conservation.
- The Heritage Council
- An Taisce
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources
- Irish Water
- Commission for Regulation of Utilities

In accordance with section 146(5) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Board will make available for inspection and purchase at its offices the documents relating to the decision within 3 working days following its decision. This information is normally made available on the list of decided cases on the website on the Wednesday following the week in which the decision is made.

The following contains information in relation to challenges to the validity of a decision of An Bord Pleanála under the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

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Judicial review of An Bord Pleanála decisions under the provisions of the Planning and Development Acts (as amended).

A person wishing to challenge the validity of a Board decision may do so by way of judicial review only. Sections 50, 50A and 50B of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as substituted by section 13 of the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006, as amended/substituted by sections 32 and 33 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010 and as amended by sections 20 and 21 of the Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2011) contain provisions in relation to challenges to the validity of a decision of the Board.

The validity of a decision taken by the Board may only be questioned by making an application for judicial review under Order 84 of The Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986). Sub-section 50(7) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 requires that subject to any extension to the time period which may be allowed by the High Court in accordance with subsection 50(8), any application for judicial review must be made within 8 weeks of the decision of the Board. It should be noted that any challenge taken under section 50 may question only the validity of the decision and the Courts do not adjudicate on the merits of the development from the perspectives of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and/or effects on the environment. Section 50A states that leave for judicial review shall not be granted unless the Court is satisfied that there are substantial grounds for contending that the decision is invalid or ought to be quashed and that the applicant has a sufficient interest in the matter which is the subject of the application or in cases involving environmental impact assessment is a body complying with specified criteria.

Section 50B contains provisions in relation to the cost of judicial review proceedings in the High Court relating to specified types of development (including proceedings relating to decisions or actions pursuant to a law of the state that gives effect to the public participation and access to justice provisions of Council Directive 85/337/EEC i.e. the EIA Directive and to the provisions of Directive 2001/12/EC i.e. Directive on the assessment of the effects on the environment of certain plans and programmes). The general provision contained in section 50B is that in such cases each party shall bear its own costs. The Court however may award costs against any party in specified circumstances. There is also provision for the Court to award the costs of proceedings or a portion of such costs to an applicant against a respondent or notice party where relief is obtained to the extent that the action or omission of the respondent or notice party contributed to the relief being obtained.

General information on judicial review procedures is contained on the following website, www.citizensinformation.ie.

Disclaimer: The above is intended for information purposes. It does not purport to be a legally binding interpretation of the relevant provisions and it would be advisable for persons contemplating legal action to seek legal advice.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board or email sids@pleanala.ie quoting the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

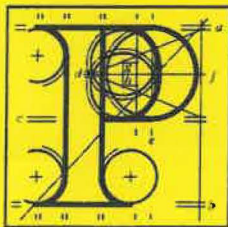


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At a meeting held on 22/07/24, the Board considered the report of the Inspector, and the documents and submissions on file generally in relation to the proposed development.

The Board decided that prospective applicants, Reeve Wave Limited, be notified that the proposed development consisting of a 110 kV substation, underground grid connection and associated infrastructure in the townlands of Coolderry, Co. Clare as described in the documents received by the Board on 08/06/2022 falls within the scope of section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and that a planning application should be made directly to the Board

The applicant shall be informed that the application documentation should be forwarded to the following prescribed bodies which are considered relevant in this instance for the purposes of Section 182A(4)(b) of the Act.

- Clare County Council
- Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government – DAU for Archaeology and Nature Conservation.
- The Heritage Council
- An Taisce
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources
- Irish Water

- Commission for Regulation of Utilities

Board Member



Peter Mullan

Date: 22/07/2024



Payment Confirmation

Payment details

Amount	EUR 100,000.00
My statement message	Com Pleanala Bally
Payee message	Ballyglass SID Grid Connection
Payment option	Standard
AIB reference no	0N68DLGARWCHTE60
Payment status	Completed
Date	23/07/2026
Fee CCY	EUR
AIB fee	0.00
AIB fees paid by	You
Other fees paid by	Payee

Payer details

Name	REEVE WAVE LIMITED
Currency	EUR
Account	IE89AIBK93613826408088

Payee details

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