

Planning and Development Act 2000 as Amended.

Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Coimisiún Pleanála in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development. County Clare (Clare County Council)

In accordance with section 182A of the Planning and Development Acts (as amended) Reeve Wave Ltd. gives notice that it proposes to seek the approval of 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).

The planning application and the NIS 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 copy) during public opening hours **for a period of seven weeks commencing 11th August 2026** at the following locations:

- The offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01V902.
- The offices of Clare County Council, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare, V95 DXP2.

The application may also be viewed on the following website: ballyglassgridplanning.com

Submissions or observations may be made in writing to An Coimisiún Pleanála ('the Commission') 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01V902, or online at www.pleanala.ie, during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks relating to -

- (i) the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development of the area concerned, and
- (ii) the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, if carried out, and
- (iii) the likely 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 29th September 2026** and must also include the following information:

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

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Commission. The Commission may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing on the application. (refer to 'A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development' at www.pleanala.ie).

The Commission may in respect of an application for permission/ approval decide to-

1. grant the permission, or
2. make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission/approval in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or
3. grant permission/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
4. refuse to grant the permission/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 the Commission 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 Commission's website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie.

Signed: 

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