

The Minister for Communications, Marine and
Natural Resources¹
c/o The Secretary General,
Department of Climate, Energy and the
Environment,
Tom Johnson House,
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ISO 9001:2015
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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.

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.

Following pre-application consultations under Section 182E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), An Coimisiún Pleanála determined that the proposed development constitutes strategic infrastructure development (ref. ABP-313767-22, dated 22 July 2024). We have accordingly been directed by An Coimisiún Pleanála to notify you of this application in advance of lodgement, and to provide you with a copy of same.

You have informed us that your preferred method of receipt is a link to the project website. Details of the proposed application are also available to view at the following website:
ballyglassgridplanning.com.

If you require any further copies of the application please contact us.

Submissions and observations may be made in writing to An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 during the period of 7 weeks from 11th August 2026 to no later than 5.30pm on 29th September 2026 in relation to the implications of the proposed development for the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, the likely effects on the environment or the likely adverse effects on the integrity of a European site, if the proposed development is carried out.

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

Yours Sincerely



Conor Frehill
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¹ The body prescribed by An Coimisiún Pleanála in its determination (ref. ABP-313767-22, dated 22 July 2024) was titled "Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources", a historic departmental title. Responsibility for energy and natural resources now rests with the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment (formerly the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications), to which this notification has been issued.