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Dear Sir/Madam,

In response to An Coimisiún Pleanála - Case reference: VA03.324491.

Please find attached Uisce Éireann's observations.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

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Uisce Éireann's Ref: PN26000046090

Planning Ref: SID - Ballyglass Solar

Planning Authority: Clare County Council

Issue Date: 28 September 2026

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Development Location: at Ballyglass, Blackwater, Castlebank, Lakyle, Mountcatherine, Oakfield, Parkroe, Reanabrone, Rosmad

Development Description: 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.

A Chara,

As the National Water Utility, Uisce Éireann delivers water services pursuant to the Water Services Act (and other legislation) and in accordance with our statutory functions and ancillary responsibilities and in a manner which is consistent with public policy.

Uisce Éireann is responsible for the delivery of all public water and wastewater services in Ireland. We are committed to continuously upgrading and developing critical infrastructure to support growth in our economy, while protecting the environment and safeguarding water supplies.

Uisce Éireann is delivering improvements to water services throughout Ireland where they are needed most urgently based on a clearly defined set of priorities. Our primary function is to provide clean drinking water to customers and to treat and return wastewater safely to the environment. In providing these services, we play a central role in enabling economic growth, protecting both the environment and the health and safety of our customers and the wider public. Please accept this submission in respect of the above-referenced Strategic Infrastructure Development application.

Uisce Éireann (UÉ) has reviewed the plans and particulars submitted with the application and have the following observation(s).

Connection(s) to Public Water and Wastewater

No new connections to UÉ's water and wastewater networks are proposed by the applicant's proposal. Water for human sanitary use is to be stored onsite, supplemented by rainwater harvesting, while Wastewater generated during operation is to be stored in a holding tank, to be emptied by private contractors as need arises.

Interactions with Uisce Éireann Assets

The proposed 110kv underground cable is significant infrastructure and any interaction with public watermains and/or infrastructure needs to be carefully considered in order to ensure the public assets are adequately protected. UÉ notes the presence of multiple public water pipes in the vicinity of the proposal including a 600 millimetre watermain on the R465. UÉ notes there has been no correspondence to date with our Diversions team regarding these proposals.

Structures or works over or in close proximity to UÉ infrastructure that may inhibit access for maintenance or endanger structural or functional integrity of the infrastructure are not permitted and separation distances shall be in accordance with the UÉ Codes of Practice and Standard Details.

Where building near / building over / diversion of existing UÉ assets are proposed, the associated designs need to be agreed with the UÉ Diversions team, a Confirmation of Feasibility must be issued and where appropriate an associated Build Over Agreement / Diversion Agreement executed between the applicant and UÉ before planning permission is granted.

In order to ensure appropriate access to and protection of UÉ assets along the proposed route, UÉ requests the applicant is required to submit a Diversion Application to the UÉ Diversions team in order to assess the interactions with public water infrastructure.

Recommendation

Therefore, given Uisce Éireann's responsibility to protect public water and wastewater services, Uisce Éireann respectfully requests the following information is submitted:

1. A diversion enquiry must be lodged with Uisce Éireann Diversion's team and a Confirmation of Feasibility obtained for the proposed build over and diversions of Uisce Éireann's assets. The outcome of the Diversion Application and the Confirmation of Feasibility should be submitted to An Coimisiun Pleanála as a response to this **Further Information** request.

Queries relating to the terms and observations above should be directed to planning@water.ie

Dermot Phelan
Connections Delivery Manager

Additional Information

Further details on the diversions process to be followed are outlined on the UÉ website at <https://www.water.ie/connections/developer-services/diversions/>.

An associated application form can be downloaded from this location, and it should be submitted, along with associated design drawings, to diversions@water.ie.

Details of public water services assets, where known, can be obtained by emailing an Ordnance Survey map identifying the proposed location of your intended development to datarequests@water.ie. Other indicators or methodologies for identifying infrastructure are the presence of registered wayleave agreements, visible manholes, vent stacks, valve chambers, marker posts etc., within the proposed development area.