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Re: **Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) application on lands located in Lavally, Drumee, and Ballysumaghan, Co. Sligo (and townlands within in Co. Leitrim). The proposed development consists of a Grid Connection Route consisting of a 110 kV underground cable.**

FAO/ Ellen Moss

As required under Section 37E(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, please note this Planning Authorities Submission in this regard.

Regards,

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Chief Executive's Report to the members of Sligo County Council on 05 October 2026

in relation to

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1.0 Introduction and Background

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This SID proposal consists of a *Grid Connection Route consisting of a 110 kV underground cable which is approximately 32 km in length (of which 30.6 km will be in the public road corridor), which will be installed from the 110 kV substation to the existing ESBN Srananagh Substation, Co. Sligo. The Grid Connection Route will also consist of the following works; Eleven (11) bridge crossings, of which eight (8) will involve in-road HDD (Horizontal Directional Drill), two (2) will involve off-road HDD and one (1) will be a standard crossing within the bridge deck; Eight (8) culvert crossings by open trenching; and All related site works and ancillary development*

A Site Location Plan and full Description of Development (as per the public notices) is provided at Appendix 1 of the report. Otherwise, all details submitted with the SID application are available to view at Planning - Lissinagroagh Grid Planning.

In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) the planning authority is required to:

- Prepare and submit to the Board a report setting out the views of the authority on the effects of the proposed development on the environment and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, before 5.30pm on 16th October 2026.
- Submit the report to the members of the authority and seek the views of the members of the proposed development.

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An Comisiún Pleanála may then decide to:

(i) grant permission, or

(ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decisions and grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or

(iii) grant permission in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of the foregoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or

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An Comisiún Pleanála may decide to hold an oral hearing as part of the SID process.

It is noted that there has been an opportunity for submission (from members of the public, interested parties. prescribed bodies etc) to be made directly to An Comisiún Pleanála (not the local planning authority). If An Comisiún Pleanála decide to hold a hearing, there may be a further opportunity for members of the public and prescribed bodies to make submissions.

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2.0 Nature of the Proposed Development

The proposal includes development within Co. Sligo and Co. Leitrim. In summary, two separate SID applications have been lodged to An Comisiún Pleanála (ACP).

1. ACP-324290-26 relates to a *"10 year planning permission for Lissinagroagh Wind Farm consisting of 14 no. wind turbines and all associated infrastructure"*. This is due to be decided by 25/06/2026. As this does not involve development within Co Sligo there is no requirement for Sligo County Council to formally consider this application.
2. *A Grid Connection Route consisting of a 110 kV underground cable which is approximately 32 km in length (of which 30.6 km will be in the public road corridor), which will be installed from the 110 kV substation to the existing ESBN Srananagh Substation, Co. Sligo.*

This this report relates to the 110kV Grid connection SID (2. Above) only. This grid connection passes through 23 townlands in County Leitrim and 3 townlands in Sligo (namely Lavally, Drumree & Ballysumaghan). As well as various planning and engineering drawings the application includes a Planning Statement, an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS). The EIAR includes various chapters on relevant topics including traffic and transport, landscape and visual amenity, ecology, air quality, noise and vibration etc.

The focus of this report relates to the proposed development within the administrative area of Co. Sligo which predominantly highlights the potential effects associated with the development of the grid connection. The 110kV cable will be inserted underground along local roads. Sligo Co.Co. note that works proposed in Co. Leitrim are far more significant in terms of scale to that proposed in Sligo. The grid connection will connect into Srananagh substation which is located in the townland of Ballysumaghan.

3.0 Landscape and Visual Impacts

Development works proposed in County Sligo consist of a 110kV grid connection which will be inserted underground along local roads. It is not considered any landscape, or visual impacts will arise as a result of the proposed underground grid connection.

4.0 Traffic movements

The EIAR includes an assessment on Traffic and Transport impacts. While construction of the grid connection is likely to result in slight traffic delays, mitigation measures for traffic management are included to minimise any disturbance. These local roads are not subject to high volumes of traffic and therefore, no significant adverse impacts are expected.

5.0 Conclusion

As noted above, the proposed 110kV grid connection passes through three townlands in Sligo which is considered minor in scale when compared to 23 townlands in County Leitrim. As such, a review of the documents accompanying this SID tends to identify that the local impacts associated with the development can be mitigated to an acceptable level. Therefore, Sligo Co. Co. have no objections to note at this stage.

4.0 Chief Executive's recommendation to the members of the Council:

Section 1.0 of this report outlines background to the Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) process including the role of the ACP as the determining authority and the role of the planning authority to submit a report to ACP on the planning merits or otherwise of the proposal.

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Documents Attached with this report:

Appendix 1 – Description of Development and Site Location plan

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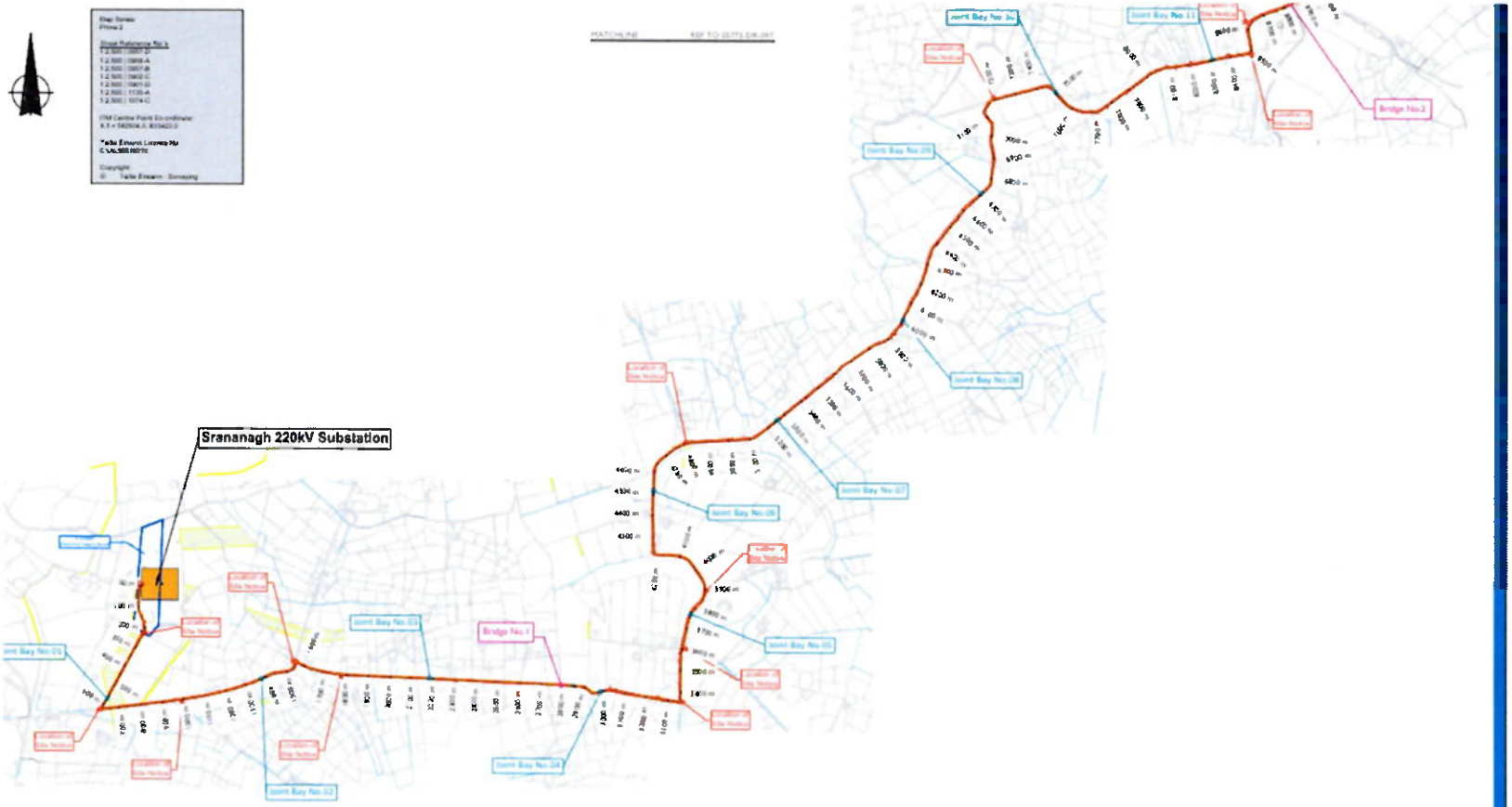
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