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27th August 2026

The Secretary,
Strategic Infrastructure Section,
An Coimisiún Pleanála,
64 Marlborough St,
Dublin 1.

MOR Environmental Ref: E2539

Applicant: Knockdinnin Solar Farm Ltd.

Re: Pre-application stage consultation for a proposed 110kV loop-in / loop-out substation at Knockdinnin, Co. Louth

Dear Sir/Madam,

We act on behalf of Knockdinnin Solar Farm Ltd, who wish to apply for a pre-application stage consultation for a proposed development comprised of:

- Construction of a new 110kV substation; and,
- 110kV loop-in connection to the existing overhead Drybridge-Louth 110kV line via two new 14m pylon towers.

The Proposed Development will be developed and constructed by Knockdinnin Solar Farm Ltd. and will form a major new strategic connection node to the national grid within County Louth. The Proposed Development will be located on a circa ('ca.') 3.7 hectare ('ha') site within the townland of Knockdinnin and Mooremount, Co. Louth, ca. 1.3km south of Dromin village ('the Site'). It will form the connection point to the national grid for proposed solar PV and battery storage facility developments on adjoining lands. The proposed solar PV and battery storage facility development has currently been appealed and is a "live" application (Louth Planning Ref: 2560223 / An Coimisiún Pleanála ('ACP') Planning Ref: 500778-26). ACP is due to determine the case by 8th September 2026. The proposed solar PV and battery storage facility qualified for a grid connection under an Enduring Connection Policy ('ECP') from EirGrid in November 2025, under EirGrid's Electricity Connection Policy – Generation and System Services ('ECP-GSS') GSS-1 batch. Given the qualification, the Applicant expects to receive an offer in September 2026, whereby they will have 60 days to formally accept the offer. However, it is important to note that the Applicant can only accept the grid connection offer where planning permission has been granted for the renewable generator.

The Proposed Development will be designed to be adaptable to become a meshed node or collector hub for the connection of other users and, more importantly, for extension and reinforcement of the transmission system. The Proposed Development will also be able to serve other renewable energy developments in the surrounding area that could use the substation. Potential future expansion of the substation also provides EirGrid with options to connect the Proposed Development with other existing or future nodes. This would provide

greater system flexibility, alleviate congestion, add resilience and increase security of supply. Therefore, the substation will become an EirGrid asset.

Given the size and electricity generation potential of the Proposed Development, it is our opinion that all elements of the project fall within the requirements of the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006, and therefore, it is an appropriate development to submit under the SID process.

In order to facilitate An Coimisiún Pleanála making an informed decision, we have attached the following documents and drawings in support of this pre-consultation application:

- A Consultation Document that provides high-level details about the Proposed Development, including;
 - A Site location drawing; and,
 - An overall layout plan.

The required payment of €4,500 has been made through EFT ref: E2539 Knockdinnin Solar Farm Ltd. Payment reference number: 246620599 KNOCKDINNIN SOLAR 110KV. Refer to Appendix B for proof of payment.

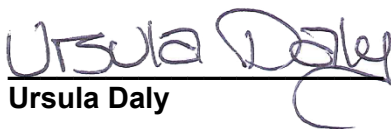
At this point, we would like to note that the landowner has consented to Knockdinnin Solar Farm Ltd. to undertake an SID consultation with An Coimisiún Pleanála. A copy of the letter of consent is attached in Appendix A.

It is our wish, on behalf of Knockdinnin Solar Farm Ltd., to arrange a Strategic Infrastructure pre-application stage consultation meeting under Section 182E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) in order to progress with this application.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding available dates for a pre-application meeting.

Yours sincerely,

for Malone O'Regan Environmental



Ursula Daly

Principal Consultant

Appendix A: Letter of Consent

Appendix B: Proof of Payment

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

An Coimisiún Pleanála
Planning Department
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1,
D01 V902

Re: Permission for Development on Vincent and Philomena Mathews Lands LH2670

To whom it may concern,

We, Vincent and Philomena Mathews of Knockdinnin, Dromin, Dunleer, County Louth, A92 P982 confirm that we are the owners of Folio LH2670.

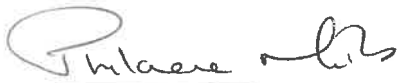
I hereby consent to Knockdinnin Solar Farm Limited engaging with An Coimisiún Pleanála in pre-planning discussions and making a subsequent planning application for a 110kV substation and all associated development works on my lands at Knockdinnin, Dromin, Dunleer, County Louth contained within Folio LH2670 and access via Folios LH35330F and LH1460.

This development is required to facilitate a Solar Farm and Battery Energy Storage Facility. The proposed development is described in the plans and particulars which are to be submitted with the planning application.

Yours Sincerely,



Vincent Mathews



Philomena Mathews

Date 20/04/2026

APPENDIX B

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Payment Date	24/08/2026
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