

From: [Kevin O'Regan](#)
To: [SIDS](#); [Ursula Daly](#)
Subject: RE: Pre-application stage consultation for a proposed 110kV loop-in substation and 110kV overhead line loop-in / loop-out grid connection in the townlands of Knockdinnin and Mooremount, Co. Louth
Date: Wednesday 23 September 2026 14:45:53

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Hi Honor,

Yes – we wish to close this pre application consultation.

Kind Regards,

Kevin

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From: SIDS <sids@pleanala.ie>
Sent: Wednesday 23 September 2026 14:42
To: Ursula Daly <udaly@mores.ie>
Cc: Kevin O'Regan <KORegan@mores.ie>
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Hi Ursula,

Can you confirm that you wish to close the pre-application consultation process?

Kind regards,

Honor

From: Ursula Daly <udaly@mores.ie>

Sent: Tuesday 15 September 2026 16:36

To: SIDS <sids@pleanala.ie>

Cc: Kevin O'Regan <KORegan@mores.ie>

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Hi Honor,

Thank you for your response. Please proceed with the determination without a meeting.

Kind Regards,
Ursula Daly

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From: SIDS <sids@pleanala.ie>

Sent: Friday 11 September 2026 14:14

To: Ursula Daly <udaly@mores.ie>

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Hi Ursula,

Further to your email dated the 10th of September 2026 the current consultation is being

carried out under the provisions of Section 182E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

Section 2(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) defines 'strategic infrastructure' as including, inter alia, "(d) any proposed development referred to in section 182A(1)" of the Act. Section 182A(1) of the 2000 Act states that that development comprising or for the purposes of electricity transmission shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, an application for approval of the development under section 182B and shall apply to the Commission for such approval accordingly.

If the Commission confirms that the proposed development falls within the scope of section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and that a planning application should therefore be made directly to the Commission, then the provisions of Section 117 of Chapter 4 of the Planning and Development Act 2024, as amended would apply to any subsequent application that would be made under Section 4 of the Planning and Development Act 2024 as amended.

Section 117 (1) of the Planning and Development Act 2024 'Requirement to enter into pre-application consultation prior to making application under Chapter' as amended by Section 55 of the 2026 Amendment Act, states:

(1) A prospective applicant shall not make an application for permission for *Chapter 4* development under this Chapter unless—

“(c) a consultation under section 182E of the Act of 2000 in relation to the proposed development commenced before the repeal of that section by section 6 but no application was made under section 182A of that Act in relation to the proposed development before the repeal of the said section 182A by section 6, or

In this particular case ACP-324602-26, the pre-application consultation commenced on the 27th of August 2026, which is a date prior to the repeal of the said section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

On that basis, the Commission is satisfied that that an application for the development described in the consultation documents received by the Commission by email on the 27th of August 2026, can be submitted to the Commission as a Planning Application Directly to Commission under Chapter 4 of the Planning and Development Act 2024 as amended, if the relevant sections of the Acts have been repealed and commenced on the date of lodgement of the application.

Kind regards,

Honor

From: Ursula Daly <udaly@mores.ie>

Sent: Thursday 10 September 2026 15:53

To: SIDS <sids@pleanala.ie>

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Hi Honor,

We are happy to proceed without holding a meeting. We are doing so on the understanding that the recommendation will remain valid once Part 4 of the Planning and Development Act 2024 commences on the 30th September 2026? I.e. that an existing s.182E determination would be recognised and that we would not have to re-enter the PAC under the new Act.

**Kind Regards,
Ursula Daly**

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From: SIDS <sids@pleanala.ie>

Sent: Thursday 10 September 2026 10:04

To: Ursula Daly <udaly@mores.ie>

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Hi Ursula,

The inspector who has been appointed to carry out the pre application consultation and report on this case has reviewed the submitted documentation and is of the opinion that there is sufficient information in the submitted 'Consultation Document' to allow the preparation of a report and recommendation on the SID status of the proposed development. In that respect, they do not consider that it is necessary to hold a meeting as all necessary information is on the file.

However, as the prospective applicant, it is your prerogative to hold a meeting if you should choose to do so. If you wish to hold a meeting, Commission representatives

would be available to meet on the morning of either Thursday the 17th or Friday the 18th of September at 11am. If you chose not to hold a meeting, the inspector will proceed to complete a report for the Commission.

Kind regards,

Honor

From: Ursula Daly <udaly@mores.ie>

Sent: Thursday 27 August 2026 11:58

To: SIDS <sids@pleanala.ie>; Finance <finance@pleanala.ie>

Subject: RE: Pre-application stage consultation for a proposed 110kV loop-in substation and 110kV overhead line loop-in / loop-out grid connection in the townlands of Knockdinnin and Mooremount, Co. Louth

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Please disregard the attachments to the email below. The correct document versions are attached. Please note that the site layout drawings / plans are a draft.

Kind Regards,
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From: Ursula Daly

Sent: Thursday 27 August 2026 10:09

To: SIDS <sids@pleanala.ie>; 'finance@pleanala.ie.' <finance@pleanala.ie>

Subject: Pre-application stage consultation for a proposed 110kV loop-in substation and 110kV overhead line loop-in / loop-out grid connection in the townlands of Knockdinnin and Mooremount, Co. Louth

Dear Sir / Madam,

We act on behalf of Knockdinnin Solar Farm Ltd ('the prospective applicant'), who wish to apply for a pre-application consultation under section 182E of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) for a proposed development comprised of:

- Construction of a new 110kV loop-in substation; and,
- 110kV Overhead Line ('OHL') 'loop-in/loop out' grid connection to the existing Drybridge-Louth 110kV OHL via two new 110kV OHL Interface Masts.

In order to facilitate ACP making an informed opinion, we have attached the following documents and drawings in support of this pre-application consultation ('PAC') request:

- A Cover Letter, including:
 - Proof of the requirement payment of €4,500 through EFT (Ref: 246620599 KNOCKDINNIN SOLAR 110KV); and,
 - Landowner consent letter.
- A Consultation Document that provides high-level details about the Proposed Development, including:
 - A Site location drawing; and,
 - An overall layout plan.

A hard copy of this pre-application stage consultation has also been posted to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Kind Regards,
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