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The Secretary
An Coimisiún Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1, D01V902.

Re: Pre-Application Consultation Request under section 182E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

Subject: Proposed extension and addition of new electrical equipment to a consented 110kV substation compound (ABP-319662-24) at Ricetown, Co. Meath.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Malachy Walsh and Partners (MWP), on behalf of our client Statkraft Ireland Ltd, would like to request a pre-application stage consultation meeting under Section 182E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) to determine, whether or not a proposed extension and addition of new electrical equipment to a consented 110kV substation compound constitutes Strategic Infrastructure Development as defined within Section 2(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

The project involves the expansion of the consented 110kV substation compound (ABP-319662-24), within the townland of Ricetown, Co. Meath (see **Figure 1 & Figure 2**). The proposed development will enable the connection of future renewable projects to the National Grid.

The expansion and additional equipment items include:

- Additional IPP Compound and associated infrastructure (IPP Control Building, 110/33kV Transformer, Auxiliary Equipment (generator, tanks etc.), 110kV Current Transformer, Voltage Transformer, Disconnect, Surge Arrestor and Cable Sealing End)
- 110kV Underground "Transmission" Cable to Transmission Substation ("110kV Substation Compound")
- Transmission 110kV Substation Extension (New double busbar sections and Wing Couplers, Transformer Bay in the extended substation (per EirGrid Standard), incl. 110kV Cable Sealing End, Surge Arrestor, Disconnect, Voltage Transformer, Current Transformer, Circuit Breaker and Disconnect).

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Section 2(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended ('the Act'), defines 'strategic infrastructure' as including, inter alia: "any proposed development referred to in section 182A(1)".

Under subsection 182A(1) of the Act, where a person (the 'undertaker') intends to carry out development comprising or for the purposes of electricity transmission, the undertaker shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, an application for approval of the development under section 182B and shall apply to An Coimisiún for such approval accordingly.

Subsection 182A(9) of the Act states that in this section "transmission", in relation to electricity, shall be construed in accordance with section 2(1) of the Electricity Regulation Act 1999 but, for the purposes of this section, the foregoing expression, in relation to electricity, shall also be construed as meaning the transport of electricity by means of—

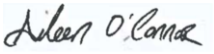
(a) a high voltage line where the voltage would be 110 kilovolts or more, or
(b) an interconnector, whether ownership of the interconnector will be vested in the undertaker or not.

MWP therefore are seeking a pre application consultation with An Coimisiún for a determination on whether the proposed extension and addition to the consented 110kV substation at Ricetown, Co. Meath and associated 110kV underground transmission cable falls within section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and would thus necessitate an application direct to An Coimisiún.

The fee in the amount of €4,500 has been paid by EFT (dated 03/09/2026) in respect of this pre-application consultation request. (Payment Reference – AOC/Project 27058, Bank Reference No.3997471761). Your finance department will confirm same.

Should you require any further information please contact the undersigned.

Yours Sincerely,



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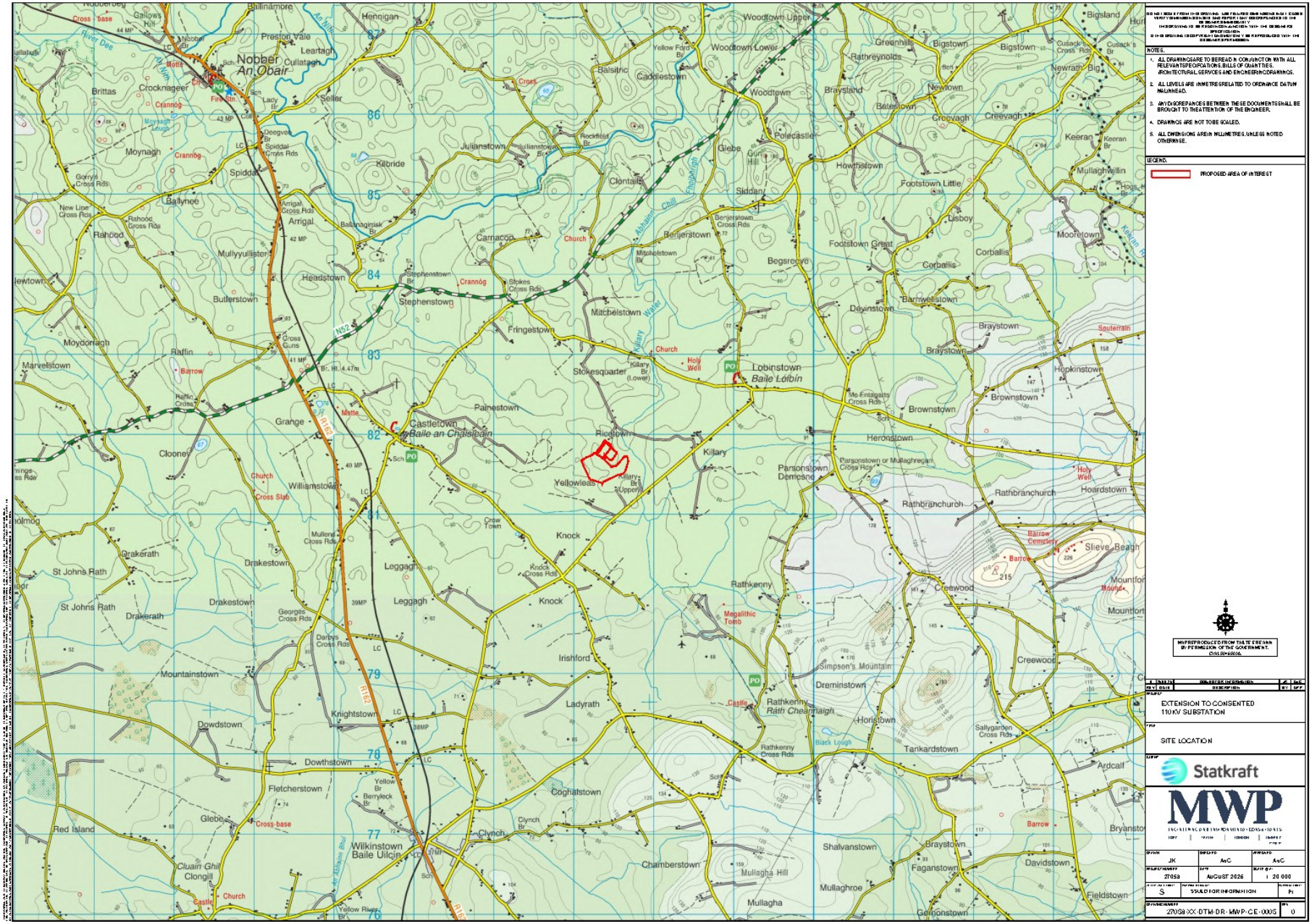


Figure 1: Site Location Map



Figure 2: Area of Interest Map