

SITE NOTICE

Section 182E Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Coimisiún Pleanála (Electricity Transmission Development) in Respect of Strategic Infrastructure Development Cork County Council

In accordance with Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, we, Perigus Energy Ireland Midco Ltd. give notice of our intention to make an application to An Coimisiún Pleanála for permission for a period of 10 years, for development comprising the construction of a 220kV Air Insulated Substation, loop in grid connection and related works in the townlands of Ballyneague, Ballydaniel, Knocknagappagh, County Cork.

The proposed development will consist of the following:

- Construction of a new 220kV Air Insulated Electricity Substation comprising 2.2 hectares, including an EirGrid compound, and will comprise a single storey 220kV control building and all associated 220kV electrical infrastructure.
- Construction of new Independent Power Producer (IPP) compound which will comprise of a single storey customer IPP building incorporating a control room, switch gear room, battery room, battery control room and all associated electrical infrastructure.
- The temporary construction of 2 no high conductor attachment height gantries (total height 20m) to remove 1 no. existing steel lattice tower.
- The provision of 2 no single circuit steel lattice strain towers with accompanying shield wire, 2 no additional overhead line, 2 no. oil-filled step-down power transformers within bunded enclosures, 2 no. gantries, and all associated 220kV electrical infrastructure to connect to the Knockraha-Cullenagh 220kV overhead line.
- The provision of 2 no. 220kV transformers, associated internal cabling, neutral earthing resistor, busbars and circuit breakers.
- The erection of a 37.5m high lattice support structure carrying antennas and dishes together with associated ground-based equipment all enclosed in security fencing.
- Temporary construction compound housing a canteen, toilet facilities, office modules, parking facilities and material laydown area.
- Surface water drainage and wastewater drainage services.
- Site reprofiling including cut and fill works.
- Site restoration and landscaping.
- The provision of all associated ancillary site development works including security fencing, external parking, 18m tall lightning protection monopoles, CCTV, security lighting, provision of new internal site access road with a site entrance off the R634, 4 no. storage containers and a diesel generator with fuel tank.

This application is seeking a ten-year permission for the purposes of construction of the proposed development as outlined above.

A permanent planning permission is being sought for the loop-in grid connection to the existing Knockraha-Cullenagh 220kV overhead line and 220kV Air Insulated Substation as these are to remain in place upon decommissioning of the solar farm. The 220kV Air Insulated Substation will become an asset of the national grid under the management of EirGrid.

A separate planning application has been submitted to Cork County Council for the proposed Greenhills Renewable Energy Park in the townlands of Knocknagappagh, Barnaviddane, Ballyneague, Ballydaniel, Youghalpark, Ballydaheen and Cornaveigh, Co. Cork.

This application is accompanied by a Natura Impact Statement (NIS). The planning application, and NIS may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such a copy) during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing on **15th September 2026** at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902.
- Planning Department, Cork County Council, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, T12 R2NC.

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website: <https://greenhillsgridplanning.ie/>

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Coimisiún Pleanála ("the Coimisiún") 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 in writing or online on the Coimisiún's website www.pleanala.ie during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks relating to: (i) the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development of the area concerned; (ii) the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, if carried out, and (iii) the likely effects or adverse effects on the integrity of a European site, if carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Coimisiún **not later than 5.30 p.m. on 03rd November 2026**. Such submissions/observations must also include the following information: (i) the name of the person making the submission or observation, the name of the person acting on his or her behalf, if any, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent; (ii) the subject matter of the submission or observation, and (iii) the reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, refers).

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Coimisiún.

The Coimisiún may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing on the application. (For further details please see 'A Guide to Public participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development' on the Coimisiún's website www.pleanala.ie).

The Coimisiún may in respect of an application for permission decide to: (a) (i) grant the permission, or (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision 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 it of the foregoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or (b) refuse to grant the permission.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development Section of An Coimisiún Pleanála (Tel. 01-8588100). A person may question the validity of any such decision of the Coimisiún by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986, as amended by S.I. No. 691 of 2011), in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended. Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading "Information on cases / Weekly lists" – Judicial Review of planning decisions, on the Coimisiún's website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie.

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