Our Case Number: ACP-324733-26

An Coimisiún Pleanála

Laois County Council
Áras an Chontae
James Fintan Lalor Avenue
Portlaoise
Co. Laois
R32 EHP9

Date: 22 October 2026

Re: Proposed development of a 110kV Substation and all associated site works
Located in the towlands of Derrytrasna, Park Or Dunamase, Aghnahily, Dysart, Coolnacarrick, Heathlodge, Ballygormill North, Ballinlough, Killenny, Raheen,
Money Upper, Lamberton Demesne, Greatheath, Cremorgan, Ballygormill South, Carrigeen, Greatheath, Hophall, Ballycarroll, Morett and Powelstown, Co. Laois
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Dear Sir / Madam,

An Coimisiún Pleanála has now received an application for approval under section 182A(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended in respect of the proposed development.

It is noted that copies of the application have already been sent to you.

Please be advised that you are requested to make the application documentation available for public inspection / purchase at your offices in accordance with the terms of the public notices of the application. The pre-application consultation file must be associated with the application file documentation. It is the Commission's intention that all of the application documentation will remain available for public inspection during the currency of the application.

Written submissions / observations in relation to the proposed development should be made directly to An Coimisiún Pleanála in accordance with the details and deadline set out in the public notices.

Please be advised that An Coimisiún Pleanála will contact you via email with a direct link to our website, where you will be able to view all submissions received on the application.

I wish to also confirm that the submission of the planning authority on the application must be received by the Commission in accordance with the time limit as set out in the public notice **i.e not later than the 3rd of December 2026**. A copy of this submission should also be placed on the public file when sent to the Commission. For the purpose of any necessary clarification please be advised that the planning authority submission on an application for approval under section 182A is not subject to any statutory requirement relating to the formal submission of a manager's report to the elected members of the Council prior to making a submission to the Commission(such a statutory requirement only applies to applications for planning permission under section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended) - it is of course open to you to consult the elected members if you so choose to do but the time limit for your submission to the Commission must still be met.

I have been asked by An Coimisiún Pleanála to advise you that it expects that the planning authority submission on this application will cover, where relevant, the following range of issues:

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- Main relevant Development Plan provisions relating to the subject site and surrounding area. A clear indication of the current status of the relevant Development Plan and any Draft Plans should be given, together with any relevant issues arising. Details of other relevant Plan provisions (e.g. Local Area Plans) and statement regarding status of these Plans (adopted or in draft form).

- Relevant planning history relating to the subject site and the surrounding area.

- Relevant national, regional and local policies.

- Any Special Area Amenity Order which may be affected by the proposed development.

- European designations, National Heritage Areas, which may be affected by the proposed development (whether in or proximate to same).

- Protected Structures, Architectural Conservation Areas etc.

- Availability and capacity of public surface water drainage facilities and any history of flooding relevant to the site.

- Assessment of landscape status and visual impact, as appropriate.

- Carrying capacity and safety of road network serving the proposed development.

- Environmental carrying capacity of the subject site and surrounding area, and the likely significant impact arising from the proposed development, if carried out.

- Planning authority view in relation to the decision to be made by the Commission.

- Planning authority view on community gain conditions which may be appropritate.

- Details of relevant section 48/49 development contribution scheme conditions which should be attached.

- Details of any special contribution conditions which should be attached along with detailed calculations and justification for the conditions.

It is anticipated that the planning authority submission will include the views/recommendations of all relevant departments in the local authority as well as the planning authority's overall considered view on the proposal.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the undersigned officer of the Commission or email sids@pleanala.ie quoting the above mentioned An Coimisiún Pleanála reference number in any correspondence with the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

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