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Application Form for Permission / Approval in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development

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Please specify the statutory provision under which your application is being made:	<i>Section 37(E) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended)</i>
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2. **Applicant:**

Name of Applicant:	<i>The Electricity Supply Board (ESB)</i>
Address:	<i>2 Gateway East Wall Road Dublin 3 D03 A995</i>
Telephone No:	<i>01 703 7014 (Contact details for Helen O'Keeffe, see below)</i>
Email Address (if any):	

3. Where Applicant is a company (registered under the Companies Acts):

Name(s) of company director(s):	<i>n/a</i> <i>For information: ESB is not registered under the Companies Acts. It is a statutory corporation set up under the Electricity Supply) Acts, 1927, as amended.</i>
Registered Address (of company)	<i>2 Gateway, East Wall Road, Dublin 3, D03 A995</i>
Company Registration No.	<i>ESB does not have a company registration number as it is a statutory corporation</i>
Telephone No.	<i>01 703 7014</i>
Email Address (if any)	<i>Helen.okeeffe@esbi.ie</i>

4. Person / Agent acting on behalf of the Applicant (if any):

Name:	<i>Helen O'Keeffe, Senior Planner [Agent]</i>
Address:	<i>ESB International One Dublin Airport Central Dublin Airport Cloghran Co. Dublin K67 XF72</i>
Telephone No.	<i>01 703 7014</i>
Mobile No. (if any)	<i>n/a</i>
Email address (if any)	<i>helen.okeeffe@esbi.ie</i>

Should all correspondence be sent to the above address? (Please tick appropriate box)

(Please note that if the answer is “No”, all correspondence will be sent to the Applicant’s address)

Yes: [] No:[]

Contact Name and Contact Details (Phone number) for arranging entry on site if required / appropriate:

Jim Murray, Manager, Midlands Stations

ESB Generation & Wholesale Markets

Tel. 087 969 0696

Email: jim.murray@esb.ie

5. Person responsible for preparation of Drawings and Plans:

Name:	<i>Kieran McGrath, Civil and Structural Engineer</i>
Firm / Company:	<i>ESB International</i>
Address:	<i>One Dublin Airport Central Dublin Airport Cloghran Co. Dublin K67 XF72</i>
Telephone No:	<i>01 703 8203</i>
Mobile No:	<i>n/a</i>
Email Address (if any):	<i>Kieran.mcgrath@esbi.ie</i>
Details all plans / drawings submitted – title of drawings / plans, scale and no. of copies submitted. This can be submitted as a separate schedule with the application form. <i>See attached schedule – Attachment 4 to this form.</i>	

6. Site:

<p>Site Address / Location of the Proposed Development (as may best identify the land or structure in question)</p>	<p><i>On two sites, located at:</i></p> <p><i>Site (1) The existing West Offaly Power station, Shannonbridge, Co. Offaly is located in the townland of Cloniffeen, Eircode N37 C840</i></p> <p><i>Site (2) The existing ash disposal facility is located in the townlands of Clonfinlough, Clondelara, Leitra, and Derrylahan, Co. Offaly</i></p>	
<p>Ordnance Survey Map Ref No. (and the Grid Reference where available)</p>	<p><i>Site referred to above as (1):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OS Map references 3425A, 3425 • Grid co-ordinates: E-597307, N-724804 (ITM Projection) <p><i>Site referred to above as (2):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OS Map references 3363, 3426 • Grid co-ordinates: E-602928, N –727253 (ITM Projection) 	
<p>Where available, please provide the application site boundary, as shown in the submitted plans / drawings, as an ESRI shapefile in the Irish Transverse Mercator (ITM IRENET95) co-ordinate reference system. Alternatively, a CAD file in .dwg format, with all geometry referenced to ITM, may be provided.</p> <p>See Attachment 6.</p>		
<p>Area of site to which the application relates in hectares</p>	<p><i>Total application area = 94.7 Ha</i></p> <p><i>(comprising: Site (1) 35.5 Ha; & Site (2) 59.2Ha)</i></p>	
<p>Site zoning in current Development Plan for the area:</p>	<p><i>Sites referred to above as (1) and (2) are un-zoned in the Offaly County Development Plan, 2014 – 2020.</i></p>	
<p>Existing use of the site & proposed use of the site:</p>	<p><i>Site referred to above as (1): permitted and established use as an electricity generation facility with associated ancillary development; and proposed that this primary use - and all ancillary uses, will continue.</i></p> <p><i>Site referred to above as (2): permitted and established use as an ash disposal facility with adjoining areas previously used for the commercial harvesting of turf leaving cut-a-way bog; and proposed that this primary use will</i></p>	

	<i>continue and extend onto the adjacent bog.</i>
Name of the Planning Authority(s) in whose functional area the site is situated:	<i>Offaly County Council</i>

7. Legal Interest of Applicant in respect of the site the subject of the application:

Please tick appropriate box to show applicant's legal interest in the land or structure:	Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Occupier
	Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Where legal interest is "Other", please expand further on your interest in the land or structure.		
<i>Lands at WOP Station are owned by ESB. Lands at the ADF sites owned by Bord na Móna are subject to a letter of consent (see Attachment 6 to this form).</i>		
If you are not the legal owner , please state the name and address of the owner and supply a letter from the owner of consent to make the application as listed in the accompanying documentation.		
<i>Bord na Móna Energy Limited, Main Street, Newbridge, Co. Kildare</i>		
Does the applicant own or have a beneficial interest in adjoining, abutting or adjacent lands? If so, identify the lands and state the interest.		
No		

8. Site History:

Details regarding site history (if known):
<p>Has the site in question ever, to your knowledge, been flooded?</p> <p>Yes: [<input type="checkbox"/>] No: [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>]</p> <p>If yes, please give details e.g. year, extent:</p> <p>Are you aware of previous uses of the site e.g. dumping or quarrying?</p> <p>Yes: [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] No: [<input type="checkbox"/>]</p> <p>If yes, please give details: <i>The WOP Station Site has an established history of use for electricity generation. A portion of the lands (to the north-west of the station) was historically used for the disposal of ash. The ADF is located on an area previously used for the commercial harvesting of peat.</i></p>

Are you aware of any valid planning applications previously made in respect of this land / structure?

Yes: [] No: []

If yes, please state planning register reference number(s) of same if known and details of applications

Reg. Ref. No:	Nature of Proposed Development	Nature of Final Decision of Application Grant of Refusal by Planning Authority / An Bord Pleanála
<i>Offaly Co. Co. Reg. Ref. 91/274</i>	<i>Office accommodation and conference room</i>	<i>Grant of permission with conditions</i>
<i>Offaly Co. Co. Reg. Ref. 93/79</i>	<i>100m flue and chimney</i>	<i>Grant of permission with conditions</i>
<i>Offaly Co. Co. Reg. Ref. 97/185</i>	<i>Extension to existing office block</i>	<i>Grant of permission with conditions</i>
<i>Offaly Co. Co. Reg. Ref. 98/456</i>	<i>Erection of roof over fuel handling plant</i>	<i>Grant of permission with conditions</i>
<i>Offaly Co. Co. Reg. Ref. 99/224</i>	<i>Retention of telecommunications mast</i>	<i>Grant of permission with conditions</i>
<i>Offaly Co. Co. Reg. Ref. 00/648</i>	<i>Replacement of transformers</i>	<i>Grant of permission with conditions</i>
<i>Offaly Co. Co. Reg. Ref. 01/187 (An Bord Pleanála Ref. PL19.125575)</i>	<i>Development of a new peat-fuelled power station and associated ash disposal facility</i>	<i>Grant of permission with conditions</i>
<i>Offaly Co. Co. Reg. Ref. 01/1199</i>	<i>110 kV Station Control Building</i>	<i>Grant of permission with conditions</i>
<i>Offaly Co. Co. Reg. Ref. 02/900</i>	<i>Site services (foul water treatment and disposal)</i>	<i>Grant of permission with conditions</i>
<i>Offaly Co. Co. Reg. Ref. 02/921</i>	<i>Extension to existing 220 kV relay</i>	<i>Grant of permission with conditions</i>

Offaly Co. Co. Reg. Ref. 03/137	Site services (foul water treatment and disposal)	Grant of permission with conditions
Offaly Co. Co. Reg. Ref. 04/507	Extension to pump-house	Grant of permission with conditions
Offaly Co. Co. Reg. Ref. 04/1000	Modifications of extension to pump-house	Grant of permission with conditions
Offaly Co. Co. Reg. Ref. 012/54	Alterations to Shannonbridge 110/220 kV electricity transmission station	Grant of permission with conditions
If a valid planning application has been made in respect of this land or structure in the 6 months prior to the submission of this application, then any required site notice must be on a yellow background in accordance with Article 19(4) of the Planning and Development regulations 2001 as amended.		
Is the site of the proposal subject to a current appeal to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a similar development?		
Yes: [] No:[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>]		
If yes please specify		
An Bord Pleanála Reference No.: _____		

9. Description of the Proposed Development:

<p>Brief description of nature and extent of development</p>	<p><i>WOP Station currently has planning permission to operate as a peat-fuelled electricity generating station under Offaly Co. Co. Reg. Ref. 01/187 / An Bord Pleanála Ref. PL19.125575. The Station has a nominal total electrical rating of 150 megawatts and contains a number of structures and buildings with a combined gross floor area of c. 27,073 sq.m. These include: a c. 20,165 sq.m. generating station [including a boiler, steam turbine, electrostatic precipitators, stack (max. height 80m), workshops and stores, control and administration buildings, cooling water system, minor ancillary buildings]; miscellaneous plant and equipment including water treatment facilities; oil and water storage facilities; electrical plant including transformers; peat and ash storage facilities and handling plant (including elevated / overhead conveyors); electrical switchgear, site access ways, yards, areas of hardstanding and site fencing. WOP Station is accessed from the R357. The ADF - in which the ash from the WOP Station is landfilled, is currently permitted to accommodate up to 825,000 tonnes of dry ash in engineered cells. The ADF site is accessed by a dedicated access road. Under the current planning permission, the permitted activities on both the WOP Station and ADF sites are required to cease on, or before, the 31st December 2020.</i></p> <p><i>The proposed development will enable the continued operation of WOP Station and the associated ADF; and the phased transition of WOP Station from being fuelled by peat, to biomass. The development will consist of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>i. the continued and on-going operation of the existing generating station and the associated ADF beyond the previously permitted date of 31st December 2020, including the continued use of all structures, plant, hard-surfaced areas, boundary treatments and access ways on the existing sites - comprising structures with a combined gross floor area of c.27,073 sq.m. and other existing development on the 35.5 Ha WOP Station site; and existing development (including c.43 sq.m. of buildings, a c. 84 sq.m. wash slab, a c.1,491 sq.m. leachate lagoon (4,200 cubic metre capacity)) and other infrastructure associated with the existing operational landfill (c.128,780 sq.m. in area) located on the 59.2 Ha ADF site;</i><i>ii. the phased transition of the WOP Station from peat-firing to firing exclusively on renewable biomass –</i>
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	<p><i>the term ‘biomass’ describing a range of non-waste materials such as non-pelleted woody biomass; products, co-products, by-products and residues from energy crops and agricultural industries; and manufactured wood pellets. It is anticipated that from early 2020 (subject to planning being granted by that date) WOP Station will be fuelled by reducing volumes of peat and increasing volumes of biomass, with an associated reduction in carbon dioxide emissions. By the end of 2027, the station will be fuelled exclusively by biomass;</i></p> <p><i>iii. the development of fuel management and handling facilities on the WOP Station site to facilitate the change in fuel type – including the development of two biomass storage slabs (c. 3,924 sq.m. and c. 6,331 sq.m.) flanked by boundaries up to 5 m and 3.6 m high respectively; a 61 sq.m. pellet intake building (overall height 17.2m); a pellet storage silo (c. 28 sq.m. in area, 260 cubic metre capacity, maximum height 14.7m); and the re-organisation of surface storage, circulation and car parking areas – including new internal fencing and access gates, and associated development works within the WOP Station site;</i></p> <p><i>iv. the development of additional landfill capacity (c. 929,200 cubic metres over an area of c. 173,130 sq.m.) at the existing dedicated ADF, to facilitate the disposal of an additional c. 880,000 tonnes of ash from the WOP Station, and associated ancillary development on that site including a new leachate lagoon (surface area c. 1,400 sq.m, storage capacity 4,500 cubic metres) and associated boundary treatment.</i></p>
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10. In the case of mixed development (e.g. residential, commercial, industrial, etc), please provide breakdown of the different classes of development and a breakdown of the gross floor area of each class of development:

Class of Development:	Gross Floor Area in m²
<i>Industrial development (associated with generation of electricity and ancillary uses)</i>	<i>10,344 sq.m. of new development on a 35.5 Ha site – with continued use of existing structures (gross floor area c. 27,073 sq.m.) and all existing development on that site.</i>
<i>Development relating to the disposal of waste (ash)</i>	<i>176,711 sq.m. of new development (landfill area plus new fenced leachate lagoon) on a 59.2 Ha site – with continued use of existing structures (gross floor area of buildings c.43 sq.m, c.84 sq.m. existing wash slab and 1491 sq.m. leachate lagoon)</i>

11. Where the application relates to a building or buildings:

Gross floor space of any existing buildings(s) in m ²	Site (1) 27,073 sq.m. Site (2) 43.1 sq.m.
Gross floor space of proposed works in m ²	Site (1) 10,344 sq.m. of new development Site (2) 176,711 sq.m.
Gross floor space of work to be retained in m ² (if appropriate)	n/a
Gross floor space of any demolition in m ² (if appropriate)	n/a

12. In the case of residential development please provide breakdown of residential mix: n/a

Number of	Studio	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	4 + Bed	Total
Houses							
Apartment s							
Number of car-parking spaces to be provided		Existing:	Proposed:			Total:	

13. Social Housing: n/a

Please tick appropriate box:	Yes	No
<i>Is the application an application for permission for development to which Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 applies?</i>		✓
<p>If the answer to the above question is “yes” and the development is not exempt (see below), you must provide, as part of your application, details as to how you propose to comply with section 96 of Part V of the Act.</p> <p>If the answer to the above question is “yes” but you consider the development to be exempt by virtue of section 97 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, a copy of the Certificate of Exemption under section 97 must be submitted (or, where an application for a certificate of exemption has been made but has not yet been decided, a copy of the application should be submitted).</p> <p>If the answer to the above question is “no” by virtue of section 96 (13) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, details indicating the basis on which section 96 (13) is considered to apply to the development should be submitted.</p>		

14. Where the application refers to a material change of use of any land or structure or the retention of such a material change of use:

Existing use (or previous use where retention permission is sought)
<p><i>Site (1) – Industrial facility for the purposes of energy generation</i></p> <p><i>Site (2) - Waste (ash) disposal site and area of cutaway bog previously in use for the harvesting of peat</i></p>
Proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain)
<p><i>Site (1) No proposed change of use.</i></p> <p><i>Site (2) – an extension to the existing ADF – to be used for the disposal of ash, will be located on a cut-away-bog previously used for the commercial harvesting of peat.</i></p>
Nature and extent of any such proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain).
<p><i>Site (1) – proposed to continue use as an industrial facility for the purposes of energy generation</i></p> <p><i>Site (2) – proposed to continue use as a dedicated waste (ash) disposal site</i></p>

15. Development Details:

Please tick appropriate box:	If answer is yes please give details	YES	NO
Does the proposed development involve the demolition of a Protected Structure(s), in whole or in part?			✓
Does the proposed development consist of work to a protected structure and / or its curtilage or proposed protected structure and / or its curtilage?			✓
Does the proposed development consist of work to the exterior of a structure which is located within an architectural conservation area (ACA)?			✓
Does the application relate to development which affects or is close to a monument or place recorded under section 12 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act, 1994.			✓
Does the application relate to work within or close to a European Site or a Natural Heritage Area?		✓	
Does the development require the preparation of a Natura Impact Statement?		✓	
Does the proposed development require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report?		✓	
Do you consider that the proposed development is likely to have significant effects on the environment in a transboundary state?			✓
Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purpose of an activity requiring an integrated pollution prevention and control license		✓	
Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purpose of an activity requiring a waste license?			✓
Do the Major Accident Regulations apply to the proposed development?			✓
Does the application relate to a development in a Strategic Development Zone?			✓
Does the proposed development involve the demolition of any habitable house?			✓

16. Services:

Proposed Source of Water Supply:
Existing connection: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Connection: <input type="checkbox"/> Public Mains: <input type="checkbox"/> Group Water Scheme: <input type="checkbox"/> Private Well: <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ Name of Group Water Scheme (where applicable): _____
Proposed Wastewater Management / Treatment:
Existing: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New: <input type="checkbox"/> Public Sewer: <input type="checkbox"/> Conventional septic tank system: <input type="checkbox"/> Other on site treatment system: <input type="checkbox"/> Please Specify: _____
Proposed Surface Water Disposal:
Public Sewer / Drain: <input type="checkbox"/> Soakpit: <input type="checkbox"/> Watercourse: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please specify: <i>discharge to existing WOP Station site services, and to the River Shannon.</i>

17. Notices:

Details of public newspaper notice – paper(s) and date of publication
<i>Irish Independent – published Thursday 22nd November 2018</i> <i>Tullamore and Midlands Tribune – published Thursday 22nd November 2018</i> <i>Offaly Independent - published 24th November 2018</i>
Copy of page(s) of relevant newspaper enclosed Yes: [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] No:[<input type="checkbox"/>] – see Attachment 8
Details of site notice, if any, - location and date of erection
<i>In total 7 No. detailed site notices have been erected on the relevant lands. The location of these notices is shown on the submitted planning application drawings – refer to QS-000206-01-D460-007 and QS-000206-01-D460-100.</i>
Copy of site notice enclosed Yes: [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] No:[<input type="checkbox"/>] – see Attachment 7
Details of other forms of public notification, if appropriate e.g. website
See Attachment 10

18. Pre-application Consultation:

Date(s) of statutory pre-application consultations with An Bord Pleanála
Schedule of any other pre application consultations –name of person / body and date of consultation to be provided as appropriate and also details of any general public consultations i.e. methods, dates, venues etc. This can be submitted as a separate schedule with the application form.
Enclosed: See Attachment 10 and details set out in Section 2.4 of the attached Planning Report and Section 1.7.3 of the EIAR.
Yes: [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] No:[<input type="checkbox"/>]
Schedule of prescribed bodies to whom notification of the making of the application has been sent and a sample copy of such notification.
Enclosed: See Attachments 9 and 10
Yes: [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] No:[<input type="checkbox"/>]


19. Confirmation Notice:

Copy of Confirmation Notice	
Attach a copy of the confirmation notice in relation to the EIA Portal where an EIAR accompanies the application. See Attachment 3 .	

20. Application Fee:

Fee Payable	€100,000 – cheque attached
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I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given in this form is correct and accurate and that the application documents being deposited at the planning authority offices, and any other location specified by the Board in pre application consultations, including a website (if any) will be identical to the application documents being deposited with the Board.

Signed: (Applicant or Agent as appropriate)	 Helen O'Keeffe, Senior Planner, ESB International (Agent)
Date:	23 rd November 2018

General Guidance Note:

The range and format of material required to be compiled / submitted with any application in respect of a proposed strategic infrastructure development shall generally accord with the requirements for a planning application as set out in the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 to 2018 and those Regulations should therefore be consulted prior to submission of any application.

September 2018

Attachments to Planning Application Form:

Proposed Development by ESB at WOP Station, Shannonbridge, Co. Offaly and associated development in the Townlands of Clonfinlough, Clondelara, Leitra and Derrylahan

Attachment 1 - Planning Application fee - €100,000

Attachment 2 - Determination from An Bord Pleanála in relation to SID Status of the Proposed Development ABP, Ref. PL19.300774

Attachment 3 - EIAR Portal: Receipt of Submission

Attachment 4 - Schedule of Documents Accompanying this Application

Attachment 5 – ESBI Shapefile Information (Ref. Question 6, Application Form)

Attachment 6 - Letters of Consent

Attachment 7 - Copy of Public Notices – Site Notice

Attachment 8 - Copies of Public Notices – Newspapers

Attachment 9 - Prescribed Bodies notified of the application and dates of notification, Sample Notice and Cover Letter to Offaly County Council

Attachment 10 - Details in relation to other public notices or public consultations

Attachment 1 –

Planning Application fee - €100,000

(Note: Account and signatory details redacted)

Danske Bank

3 Harbournmaster Place
IFSC Dublin 1



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Date 30.10.2018

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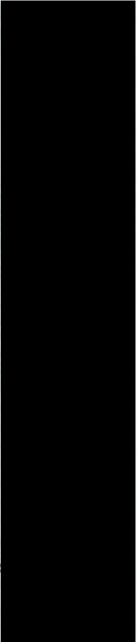
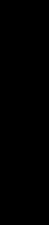
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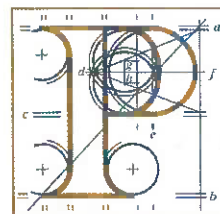
Attachment 2 –

Determination from An Bord Pleanála in relation to SID Status of the Proposed Development, ABP Ref. PL19.300774

Our Ref: ABP-300774-18

PA Reg Ref:

Your Ref: ESB International



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Helen O'Keeffe
ESB International
One Dublin Airport Central
Dublin Airport
Cloghran
Co. Dublin

Date: 12th October 2018

**Re: Modifications to and continued operation of peat-fuelled power station to facilitate the phased transition to exclusive firing with biomass.
Existing West Offaly Power Station, Shannonbridge and the existing ash disposal site at Derrylahan, Co. Offaly.**

Dear Madam

Please be advised that following consultations under section 37B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended, the Board hereby serves notice under section 37B(4)(a) that it is of the opinion that the proposed development falls within the scope of paragraphs 37A(2)(a) and 37A (2) (b) of the Act. Accordingly, the Board has decided that the proposed development would be strategic infrastructure within the meaning of section 37A of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. Any application for permission for the proposed development must therefore be made directly to An Bord Pleanála under section 37E of the Act.

Please also be informed that the Board considers that the pre-application consultation process in respect of this proposed development is now closed.

Attached is a list of prescribed bodies to be notified of the application for the proposed development.

In accordance with section 146(5) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended, the Board will make available for inspection and purchase at its offices the documents relating to the decision within 3 working days following its decision. This information is normally made available on the list of decided cases on the website on the Wednesday following the week in which the decision is made.

The attachment contains information in relation to challenges to the validity of a decision of An Bord Pleanála under the provisions of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

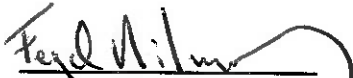
If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Teil	Tel	(01) 858 8100
Glaio Áitiúil	LoCall	1890 275 175
Facs	Fax	(01) 872 2684
Láithreán Gréasáin	Website	www.pleanala.ie
Ríomhphost	Email	bord@pleanala.ie

64 Sráid Maoilbhríde	64 Marlborough Street
Baile Átha Cliath 1	Dublin 1
D01 V902	D01 V902

Yours faithfully,


Fergal Kilmurray
Executive Officer
Direct Line: 01-8737247

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Judicial review of An Bord Pleanála decisions under the provisions of the Planning and Development Acts (as amended).

A person wishing to challenge the validity of a Board decision may do so by way of judicial review only. Sections 50, 50A and 50B of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as substituted by section 13 of the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006, as amended/substituted by sections 32 and 33 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010 and as amended by sections 20 and 21 of the Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2011) contain provisions in relation to challenges to the validity of a decision of the Board.

The validity of a decision taken by the Board may only be questioned by making an application for judicial review under Order 84 of The Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986). Sub-section 50(7) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 requires that subject to any extension to the time period which may be allowed by the High Court in accordance with subsection 50(8), any application for judicial review must be made within 8 weeks of the decision of the Board. It should be noted that any challenge taken under section 50 may question only the validity of the decision and the Courts do not adjudicate on the merits of the development from the perspectives of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and/or effects on the environment. Section 50A states that leave for judicial review shall not be granted unless the Court is satisfied that there are substantial grounds for contending that the decision is invalid or ought to be quashed and that the applicant has a sufficient interest in the matter which is the subject of the application or in cases involving environmental impact assessment is a body complying with specified criteria.

Section 50B contains provisions in relation to the cost of judicial review proceedings in the High Court relating to specified types of development (including proceedings relating to decisions or actions pursuant to a law of the state that gives effect to the public participation and access to justice provisions of Council Directive 85/337/EEC i.e. the EIA Directive and to the provisions of Directive 2001/12/EC i.e. Directive on the assessment of the effects on the environment of certain plans and programmes). The general provision contained in section 50B is that in such cases each party shall bear its own costs. The Court however may award costs against any party in specified circumstances. There is also provision for the Court to award the costs of proceedings or a portion of such costs to an applicant against a respondent or notice party where relief is obtained to the extent that the action or omission of the respondent or notice party contributed to the relief being obtained.

General information on judicial review procedures is contained on the following website, www.citizensinformation.ie.

Disclaimer: The above is intended for information purposes. It does not purport to be a legally binding interpretation of the relevant provisions and it would be advisable for persons contemplating legal action to seek legal advice.

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The following is a schedule of prescribed bodies considered relevant by An Bord Pleanála and to be contacted by you in relation to any application arising from the pre-application consultations:

- The Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government.
- The Minister for Communications, Climate Action and the Environment.
- The Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht
- Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
- Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport
- Environmental Protection Agency
- National Transport Agency
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- The Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly
- Offaly County Council
- Roscommon County Council
- Galway County Council
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- Irish Water
- Waterways Ireland
- Iarnód Éireann
- The Health and Safety Authority
- Health Service Executive
- An Taisce
- An Chomhairle Ealaíon
- Fáilte Ireland
- The Heritage Council

Further notifications should also be made where deemed appropriate.

Note: The prospective applicant is advised to submit a separate document (to the EIAR) with the planning application which outlines the mitigation measures, in the interest of convenience and ease of reference

**Attachment 3 –
EIAR Portal: Receipt of Submission**

O'Keeffe. Helen (ESBI)

From: EIAportal <EIAportal@housing.gov.ie>
Sent: 22 November 2018 12:35
To: O'Keeffe. Helen (ESBI)
Subject: EIA Portal Confirmation Notice Portal ID 2018065 Electricity Supply Board (ESB)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of notification to the EIA Portal in respect of this proposed application.

The information provided has been uploaded to the EIA Portal on 22nd November 2018 under EIA Portal ID number **2018065** and is available to view at <http://housinggovie.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=d7d5a3d48f104ecbb206e7e5f84b71f1>.

Portal ID: 2018065

Competent Authority: An Bord Pleanála

Applicant Name: Electricity Supply Board (ESB)

Location: West Offaly Power Station, Shannonbridge, Co. Offaly in the townland of Cloniffeen, N37 C840; and at an existing ash disposal facility (ADF) located in the townlands of Clonfinlough, Clondelara, Leitra, and Derrylahan, Co. Offaly

Description: Continued operation of the existing West Offaly Power Station and associated ash disposal facility; phased transition of the station from firing on peat to biomass; and associated development of fuel handling and ash disposal facilities.

Linear Development: No

Date Uploaded to Portal: 22 November 2018

Kind Regards

Aisling Holohan

Planning Policy section, Planning, Housing Market Policy and Land Management Division

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Is faoi rún agus chun úsáide an té nó an aonán atá luaite leis, a sheoltar an ríomhphost seo agus aon comhad atá nasctha leis. Má bhfuair tú an ríomhphost seo trí earráid, déan teagmháil le bhainisteoir an chórais.

Deimhnítear leis an bhfo-nóta seo freisin go bhfuil an teachtaireacht ríomhphoist seo scuabtha le bogearraí frithvórais chun vórais ríomhaire a aimsiú.

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Attachment 4 –

Schedule of Documents Accompanying this Application

An Bord Pleanála have been provided with 3 No. hard copies of all documents and 7 No. CDs containing PDF versions of all of the following documents:

Planning Documents

- Volume 1 of 2: Cover Letter, Application Form and Attachments, Planning Report, Natura Impact Statement
- Volume 2 of 2: Schedule of Maps and Drawings; Maps and Drawings.

Note: Copies provided to An Bord Pleanála and Offaly County Council include a bound A3 copy of Volume 2 (1 No. copy and 2 No. copies respectively). These drawings are not printed to scale but are provided for ease of review and inspection.

Environmental Documents

- Volume 1 of 3 - Non-Technical Summary
- Volume 2 of 3 - Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) Main Report
- Volume 3 of 3 - EIAR Appendices

Schedule of Maps and Drawings Submitted

Due to the large scale of the subject development sites, drawings are produced at the most relevant scales. Provision is made under the Regulations where an Applicant may agree alternative scales for drawings with the Planning Authority, prior to the submission of the application. ESB have, in advance of making this application, advised the Board of the following deviations from the typical drawing scales:

- **Site Location Map** – the standard requirement is for a site location map not less than 1:1000 in a built-up area and 1:2500 in all other areas.

For ease of inspection – whereby both sites can be seen relative to each other, a 'Strategic Site Location Map, is provided (**Drawing QS-000206-01-D460-006**) at 1:20,000. This shows both of the application sites and also the locations of the site notices.

For each of the sites – referred to on this form as Site (1) and Site (2), separate site location maps are provided as the most relevant scales. Site (1) – the WOP Station Site, is shown at 1:2,500 (see **Drawing QS-000206-01-D460-007**). Site (2) - the ADF Site, is shown at 1:5,000 (see **Drawing QS-000206-01-D460-100**).

- **Site or Layout Plans** – The planning pack comprises drawings of existing and proposed structures. Given the large-scale of many of the buildings, these are shown at the most relevant scales. Typically the requirement to provide plans at 1:500 is complied with. For details at roof level, these are shown on the relevant site plans at 1:200.

- **Plans, Elevations and Sections** – Drawings of existing buildings are provided at the standard 1:200 drawing scale. It is noted for that sections through the Biomass Storage Slab are at specified horizontal (1:1000) and vertical (1:50) scales.

In all cases the Application is willing, if directed the Board to provide drawings at specified scales.

Drawing Schedule

Note: *drawings are intentionally ordered out of numeric sequence for ease of reference and review.*

Drawing No.	Drawing Title	Scale
QS-000206-01-D460-006	Strategic Site Location Map	1:20,000
WOP Station Drawings (Site Location, Plans, Sections and Elevations)		
QS-000206-01-D460-007	Existing WOP Station Site Location Map 1:2500 Scale	1:2,500
QS-000206-01-D460-008	Proposed WOP Station Site Location Map 1:2500 Scale	1:2,500
QS-000206-01-D460-077	Land Ownership Map	1:2,500
QS-000206-01-D460-009	Existing Site Location and Layout Plan 1:1000 sheet 1 of 3	1:1,000
QS-000206-01-D460-010	Existing Site Location and Layout Plan 1:1000 sheet 2 of 3	1:1,000
QS-000206-01-D460-011	Existing Site Location and Layout Plan 1:1000 sheet 3 of 3	1:1,000
QS-000206-01-D460-012	Proposed Site Location and Layout Plan - 1:1000 sheet 1 of 3	1:1,000
QS-000206-01-D460-013	Proposed Site Location and Layout Plan - 1:1000 sheet 2 of 3	1:1,000
QS-000206-01-D460-014	Proposed Site Location and Layout Plan - 1:1000 sheet 3 of 3	1:1,000
QS-000206-01-D460-015	WOP Existing Layout 1:500 sheet 1 of 8	1:500
QS-000206-01-D460-016	WOP Existing Layout 1:500 sheet 2 of 8	1:500
QS-000206-01-D460-017	WOP Existing Layout 1:500 sheet 3 of 8	1:500
QS-000206-01-D460-018	WOP Existing Layout 1:500 sheet 4 of 8	1:500
QS-000206-01-D460-019	WOP Existing Layout 1:500 sheet 5 of 8	1:500
QS-000206-01-D460-020	WOP Existing Layout 1:500 sheet 6 of 8	1:500
QS-000206-01-D460-021	WOP Existing Layout 1:500 sheet 7 of 8	1:500
QS-000206-01-D460-022	WOP Existing Layout 1:500 sheet 8 of 8	1:500
QS-000206-01-D460-025	WOP Layout Existing & Proposed 1:500 sheet 1 of 8	1:500
QS-000206-01-D460-026	WOP Layout Existing & Proposed 1:500 sheet 2 of 8	1:500

QS-000206-01-D460-027	WOP Layout Existing & Proposed 1:500 sheet 3 of 8	1:500
QS-000206-01-D460-028	WOP Layout Existing & Proposed 1:500 sheet 4 of 8	1:500
QS-000206-01-D460-029	WOP Layout Existing & Proposed 1:500 sheet 5 of 8	1:500
QS-000206-01-D460-030	WOP Layout Existing & Proposed 1:500 sheet 6 of 8	1:500
QS-000206-01-D460-031	WOP Layout Existing & Proposed 1:500 sheet 7 of 8	1:500
QS-000206-01-D460-032	WOP Layout Existing & Proposed 1:500 sheet 8 of 8	1:500
QS-000206-01-D460-023	Pellet Silo, Pellet Intake Building and Biomass Slab A - Existing Layout Plan	1:500
QS-000206-01-D460-033	Pellet Silo, Pellet Intake Building and Storage Slab A - Proposed Layout Plan Showing plan at roof level	1:500
QS-000206-01-D460-037	Biomass Storage Slab A- Proposed Drainage Layout Plan	1:500
QS-000206-01-D460-038	Biomass Storage Slab A- Proposed Lighting Layout Plan	1:500
QS-000206-01-D460-068	Pellet Intake Building and Pellet Silo - Plans, Elevations and Sections	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-069	Proposed Biomass Storage Slab A - Contextual Elevations	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-070	Proposed Biomass Storage Slab A - Sections	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-024	Biomass Storage Slab B - Existing Layout Plan	1:500
QS-000206-01-D460-034	Biomass Storage Slab B - Proposed Layout Plan	1:500
QS-000206-01-D460-035	Biomass Storage Slab B - Proposed Drainage Layout Plan	1:500
QS-000206-01-D460-036	Biomass Storage Slab B - Lighting Layout Plan	1:500
QS-000206-01-D460-071	Storage Slab B - Biomass Stockpile Elevations	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-072	Storage Slab B - Section and Construction Details	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-073	Settlement Tank - Typical Details	1:25
QS-000206-01-D460-074	Pumping Station - Biomass Slab B Typical Details	1:25
QS-000206-01-D460-075	Biomass Storage Slab B - Proposed Pipe Sections	As shown
QS-000206-01-D460-076	Manhole and Silt Trap - Typical Details	1:25
QS-000206-01-D460-039	Pellet Silo Intake and Biomass Storage Slab A and B - Vehicle Turning Paths	1:500
QS-000206-01-D460-040	Existing Intermediate Peat Storage Building Floor Plan	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-041	Existing Intermediate Peat Storage Building Sections	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-042	Existing Intermediate Peat Storage Building Elevations	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-043	Existing Screening Building Floor Plan	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-044	Existing Screening Building Sections	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-045	Existing Screening Building Elevations	1:200

QS-000206-01-D460-046	Existing Rail Tippler Building and Existing Lorry Unloading Floor Plans at Levels 36.32m, 32.370m, 27.770m	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-047	Existing Rail Tippler Building and Existing Lorry Unloading Floor Plans at Levels 40.42m & 44.150m	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-048	Existing Rail Tippler Building and Existing Lorry Unloading Building Sections	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-049	Existing Rail Tippler Building and Existing Lorry Unloading Elevations	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-050	Existing Water Treatment Plant Building, Floor Plan, Sections and Elevations	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-051	Existing Peat Lab / Offices Building Floor Plan and Sections	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-052	Existing Lab / Offices Building Elevations	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-053	Existing Maintenance Building Floor Plan and Sections	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-054	Existing Maintenance Building Elevations	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-055	Existing Locomotive Services Building Floor Plan and Sections	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-056	Existing Locomotive Services Building Floor Plan Elevations	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-057	Existing Oil Pump House Plan, Elevations and Sections	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-067	Existing Settlement Basin Plan and Elevation Photos	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-079	Existing & Proposed Boundary & Entrance Treatments	1:50
QS-000206-01-D460-080	Existing Bottom Ash Silo Plan & Elevations	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-082	Proposed Gates & Fences	1:50
QS-000206-01-D460-061	Existing Main Power station North Elevation	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-062	Existing Main Power station South Elevation	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-063	Existing Main Power station East Elevation	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-064	Existing Main Power station West Elevation	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-065	Existing Main Power station Building Section A-A	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-066	Existing Main Power station Building Section B-B	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-058	Existing Main Power station Building Plan Level at +36.750m	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-059	Existing Main Power station Building Plan Level at +42.750m	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-060	Existing Main Power station Building Plan Level at +45.500m	1:200

QS-000206-01-D460-078	Existing Main Power Station Building Plan at Level +48.750	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-083	Existing Main Power Station Building Plan at Level +56.750	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-084	Existing Main Power Station Building Plan at Level +60.750	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-094	Existing Main Power Station Building Plan at Level +65.750	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-095	Existing Main Power Station Building Plan at Level +71.750	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-096	Existing Main Power Station Building Plan at Level +77.750	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-097	Existing Main Power Station Building Plan at Level +81.750	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-098	Existing Main Power Station Building Plan at Level +88.163	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-099	Existing Main Power Station Building Plan at Level +90.580	1:200
QS-000206-01-D460-117	Existing Main Power Station Building Main Stairs Landings Plan from +39.766 to 74.750m	1:50
ADF Drawings (Site Location, Plans, Sections and Elevations)		
QS-000206-01-D460-100	Existing Site Location Map (1:5,000 scale) at Clonfinlough, Derrylahan, Leitra and Clondelara	1:5,000
QS-000206-01-D460-101	Proposed Site Location Map (1:5,000 scale) at Clonfinlough, Derrylahan, Leitra and Clondelara	1:5,000
QS-000206-01-D460-102	Existing Site Layout Plan (1:2,500 scale) at Clonfinlough, Derrylahan, Leitra and Clondelara	1:2,500
QS-000206-01-D460-103	Proposed Site Layout Plan (1:2,500 scale) at Clonfinlough, Derrylahan, Leitra and Clondelara	1:2,500
QS-000206-01-D460-104	Proposed Site Layout (1:1,000 scale) Sheet 1 of 4	1:1,000
QS-000206-01-D460-105	Proposed Site Layout (1:1,000 scale) Sheet 2 of 4	1:1,000
QS-000206-01-D460-106	Proposed Site Layout (1:1,000 scale) Sheet 3 of 4	1:1,000
QS-000206-01-D460-107	Proposed Site Layout (1:1,000 scale) Sheet 4 of 4	1:1,000
QS-000206-01-D460-108	Existing Access Track, Layout Plan Sheet 1 of 2	1:1,000
QS-000206-01-D460-109	Existing Access Track, Layout Plan Sheet 2 of 2	1:1,000
QS-000206-01-D460-110	Layout Details: Lagoons & Site Buildings (Plans & Sections)	1:200, 1:1,000
QS-000206-01-D460-111	Drainage Schematic Sheet 1 of 2	1:1000
QS-000206-01-D460-112	Drainage Schematic Sheet 2 of 2	1:1000

QS-000206-01-D460-113	Proposed Cell Section A-A	1:200, 1:500
QS-000206-01-D460-114	Typical Construction Details	1:50, 1:100
QS-000206-01-D460-115	Site Welfare and Storage Buildings	1:100

Attachment 5 –

ESBI Shapefile Information (Ref. Question 6, Application Form)

As per Question 6 of the Planning Application Form, the required information – namely the boundaries of the WOP Station Site & the ADF.is provided as an ESRI shapefile in Irish Transverse Mercator (ITM IRENET95).

These files are saved on the attached CD in the folder entitled 'WOP Transition to Biomass - ESRI Shape Files'.

**Attachment 6 –
Letter of Consent**

An Bord Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1

2nd November 2018

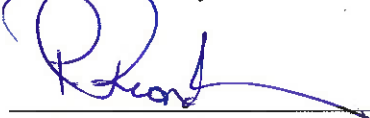
Re: Planning Application by Electricity Supply Board (“ESB”) for the proposed West Offaly Power Ash Disposal Facility Phased Transition to Biomass and associated Development (“the Proposed Development”)

To Whom it Concerns

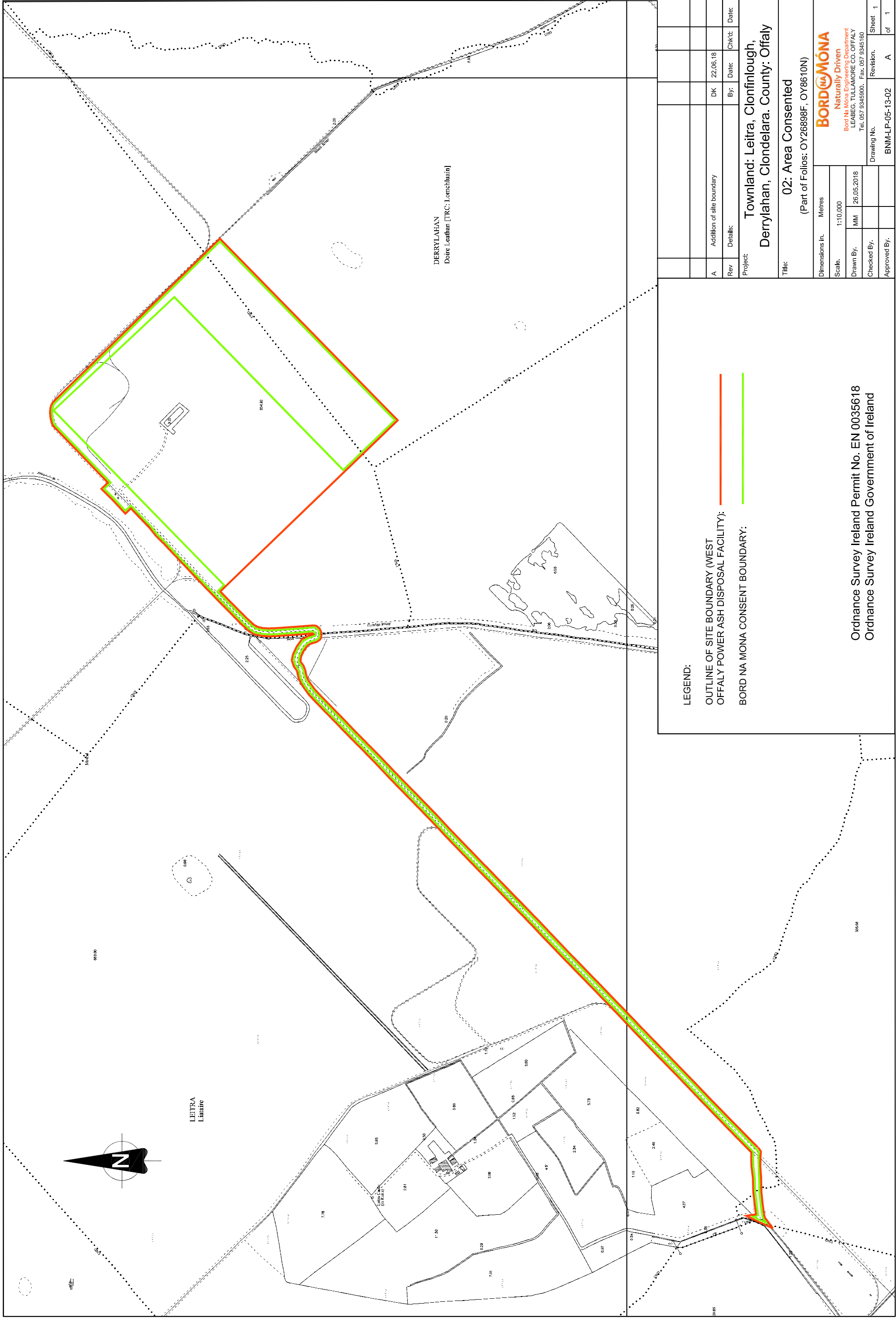
We are the registered owner of the lands comprised in Folio OY26898F and OY8610 and the party entitled to be registered as owner of the lands delineated in green on the map (Ref No: BNM-LP-05-13-02) attached hereto (the **Property**). We are aware of ESB’s planning application in relation to the proposed West Offaly Power Ash Disposal Facility Phased Transition to Biomass and associated development (the **Application**) and that:

We confirm that we have no objection to the inclusion of that part of the Property coloured green on the map attached hereto for the purpose of the proposed development.

Yours faithfully



Paul Riordan
On behalf of Bord na Móna Energy Limited



LEGEND:

OUTLINE OF SITE BOUNDARY (WEST OFFALY POWER ASH DISPOSAL FACILITY):

BORD NA MONA CONSENT BOUNDARY:



Rev	Details:	By:	Date:	Chk'd:	Date:
A	Addition of site boundary	DK	22.06.18		
Project: Townland: Leitira, Clonfinlough, Derrylahan, Clonclara. County: Offaly					
Title: 02: Area Consented (Part of Folios: OY26898F, OY8610N)					
Dimensions in:		Metres			
Scale:		1:10,000			
Drawn By:	MM	26.05.2018			
Checked By:					
Approved By:					
Drawing No. BNM-LP-05-13-02				Revision: A	
				Sheet 1 of 1	

BORD NA MONA
Naturally Driven
Bord Na Mona Engineering Department
LEABEG, TULLAMORE CO. OFFALY
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Ordnance Survey Ireland Permit No. EN 0035618
Ordnance Survey Ireland Government of Ireland

**Attachment 7 –
Copy of Public Notices – Site Notice**

SITE NOTICE

Planning and Development Acts 2000, as amended

NOTICE OF DIRECT PLANNING APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA IN RESPECT OF A STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

County Offaly

In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Electricity Supply Board (ESB) gives notice of its intention to make an application for permission to An Bord Pleanála in relation to proposed development at the existing electricity generating station – known as West Offaly Power (WOP) Station located at Shannonbridge, Co. Offaly in the townland of Cloniffeen, Eircode N37 C840; and at an existing ash disposal facility (ADF) located in the townlands of Clonfinlough, Clondelara, Leitra, and Derrylahan, in County Offaly.

WOP Station currently has planning permission to operate as a peat-fuelled electricity generating station under Offaly Co. Co. Reg. Ref. 01/187 / An Bord Pleanála Ref. PL19.125575. The Station has a nominal total electrical rating of 150 megawatts and contains a number of structures and buildings with a combined gross floor area of c. 27,073 sq.m. These include: a c. 20,165 sq.m. generating station [including a boiler, steam turbine, electrostatic precipitators, stack (max. height 80m), workshops and stores, control and administration buildings, cooling water system, minor ancillary buildings]; miscellaneous plant and equipment including water treatment facilities; oil and water storage facilities; electrical plant including transformers; peat and ash storage facilities and handling plant (including elevated / overhead conveyors); electrical switchgear, site access ways, yards, areas of hardstanding and site fencing. WOP Station is accessed from the R357. The ADF - in which the ash from the WOP Station is landfilled, is currently permitted to accommodate up to 825,000 tonnes of dry ash in engineered cells. The ADF site is accessed by a dedicated access road. Under the current planning permission, the permitted activities on both the WOP Station and ADF sites are required to cease on, or before, the 31st December 2020.

The proposed development will enable the continued operation of WOP Station and the associated ADF; and the phased transition of WOP Station from being fuelled by peat, to biomass. The development will consist of:

- i. the continued and on-going operation of the existing generating station and the associated ADF beyond the previously permitted date of 31st December 2020, including the continued use of all structures, plant, hard-surfaced areas, boundary treatments and access ways on the existing sites - comprising structures with a combined gross floor area of c.27,073 sq.m. and other existing development on the 35.5 Ha WOP Station site; and existing development (including c.43 sq.m. of buildings, a c. 84 sq.m. wash slab, a c.1,491 sq.m. leachate lagoon (4,200 cubic metre capacity)) and other infrastructure associated with the existing operational landfill (c.128,780 sq.m. in area) located on the 59.2 Ha ADF site;
- ii. the phased transition of the WOP Station from peat-firing to firing exclusively on renewable biomass – the term ‘biomass’ describing a range of non-waste materials such as non-pelleted woody biomass; products, co-products, by-products and residues from energy crops and agricultural industries; and manufactured wood pellets. It is anticipated that from early 2020 (subject to planning being granted by that date) WOP Station will be fuelled by reducing volumes of peat and increasing volumes of biomass, with an associated reduction in carbon dioxide emissions. By the end of 2027, the station will be fuelled exclusively by biomass;
- iii. the development of fuel management and handling facilities on the WOP Station site to facilitate the change in fuel type – including the development of two biomass storage slabs (c. 3,924 sq.m. and c. 6,331 sq.m.) flanked by boundaries up to 5 m and 3.6 m high respectively; a 61 sq.m. pellet intake building (overall height 17.2m); a pellet storage silo (c. 28 sq.m. in area, 260 cubic metre capacity, maximum height 14.7m); and the re-organisation of surface storage, circulation and car parking areas – including new internal fencing and access gates, and associated development works within the WOP Station site;
- iv. the development of additional landfill capacity (c. 929,200 cubic metres over an area of c. 173,130 sq.m.) at the existing dedicated ADF, to facilitate the disposal of an additional c. 880,000 tonnes of ash from the WOP Station, and associated ancillary development on that site including a new leachate lagoon (surface area c. 1,400 sq.m, storage capacity 4,500 cubic metres) and associated boundary treatment.

The Planning Application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) which complies with the EU (Planning and Development) EIA Regulations 2018 (S.I. 296 of 2018) (formerly referred to as an Environmental Impact Statement) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS).

WOP Station and the associated Ash Disposal Facility, are licenced by the Environmental Protection Agency under an Industrial Emissions (IE) Licence [Ref. P0611-02]. The proposed development will require a review of that IE licence.

The planning application, EIAR and NIS may be inspected free of charge, or purchased on payment of the specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such copy) during public opening hours, for a period of seven weeks commencing on **Monday 3rd December 2018** at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01V902,
- The Offices of Offaly County Council, Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly, R35 F893; and
- The Offices of Offaly County Council – Edenderry Municipal District Offices, Edenderry Town Hall, Edenderry, Co. Offaly, R45 K766.

The application may also be viewed or downloaded at the stand-alone project website: www.westoffalypower.ie and on the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government's EIA Portal located at:

<http://housinggovie.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=d7d5a3d48f104ecbb206e7e5f84b71f1>

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála ('the Board') 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01V902, during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks, relating to:

- i. the implications for proper planning and sustainable development,
- ii. the likely effects on the environment; and
- iii. the likely effects on a European site,

if the proposed development is carried out.

Any submissions / observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board not later than 5.30p.m. on **Friday 1st February 2019**. Such submissions 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.

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board. It is at the absolute discretion of the Board whether to hold an oral hearing on the case.

The Board may in respect of an application for permission decide to –

- (a) (i) approve the proposed development, or
(ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its approval and approve the proposed development as so modified, or
(iii) grant permission in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of the foregoing kind),
and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions,
- (b) refuse to approve the proposed development.

A person may question the validity of any such decision of the Board by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rule of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986, as amended), in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie under the heading 'Information on Cases / Weekly Lists' – see 'Judicial Review of Planning Decisions' notice, or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Section of An Bord Pleanála (Telephone: 01 8588100).

Signed: 

Helen O'Keeffe, Senior Planner, ESB International, One Dublin Airport Central, Dublin Airport, Cloghran, Co. Dublin, K67 XF72
(Agent on behalf of the Applicant, ESB)

Date: 23rd November 2018

Attachment 8 –

Copies of Public Notices – Newspapers

- **Irish Independent – 22nd November 2018**
- **Tullamore and Midlands Tribune – 22nd November 2018**
- **Offaly Independent – 24th November 2018**

Tourists awarded €30,000 after taxi was rear-ended and motorist fled

Ray Managh

A MOTORIST who rear-ended a taxi at a Dublin roundabout fled into the Phoenix Park, a court has heard.

Circuit Court President Mr Justice Raymond Groarke said while such an action would inevitably have raised suspicions in the mind of the taxi driver, the court could not assume that because of this and other matters, the accident had been "a ready up".

He said the defence put forward by the Motor Insurance Bureau of Ireland (MIBI) was also asking him to infer, because a passenger in the taxi had made a phone call in a foreign language to someone only seconds before the

collision, that the caller was in contact with the rear-ending driver who had fled.

"This is a vast crevasse you are asking me to jump and I am not entirely comfortable with it," he told the MIBI's defence team.

The judge also referred to "conjecture" by the taxi driver that the driver of the other car looked Eastern European, and said the court would not be happy to rely on such evidence to establish identity in a criminal case.

Judge Groarke was dealing with €60,000 damages claims by each of four Polish nationals who were passengers in the taxi and who were injured in the rear-ending incident at the Half-Way-House roundabout



Injured: Mikolaj Urbanowicz, Marta Adamajty, Sylwia Wolosewicz, and Roman Woloniewicz, all from Tottenham, London, outside the Four Courts in Dublin yesterday. PHOTO: COLLINS COURTS

near the Phoenix Park on January 29, 2009.

Sylwia Wolosewicz (33) and her partner Mikolaj Urbanowicz (36), together with their friend Roman Woloniewicz (39) and his partner Marta Adamajty (36), sued the MIBI for a total of €240,000 damages.

The four claimants, all from Tottenham, London, told the court they were on a first-time weekend trip to Dublin and they had gone into the city and

had "got drunk" or had become "pretty drunk". They decided to go to Temple Bar and called a taxi.

All of them were injured in the collision and were treated overnight in hospital.

Within 48 hours of the incident, all four had attended a local GP, having been advised this would be necessary if they intended making a claim, and had attended a solicitor's office.

Awarding them damages

ranging from €4,750 to €10,000, totalling €30,180 together with District Court costs, Judge Groarke said he was convinced they were genuine by the fact two of them had failed to get proper medical reports from their treating doctors in England.

It seemed to him that if they had gone to such bother about an accident, they would have followed through with vigour to have "all the i's dotted and t's crossed".

Solicitor (55) charged with €170,000 theft from clients

Gordon Deegan

A SOLICITOR has appeared in court charged with stealing €170,830 from 11 people when she was acting as a solicitor for the parties.

Michelle O'Keeffe (55), of Fionn Oir, Lahinch Road, Ennis, Co Clare, appeared at Ennis District Court in relation to 19 separate charges of alleged theft between January 2006 and December 2011.

Ms O'Keeffe is also charged with having failed to maintain accounting records as prescribed by the Solicitors Account Regulations 2001 on dates between January 24 2006 and December 22 2011. The 19 separate theft charges outlined the amounts allegedly stolen from each of the alleged injured parties.

Insp David Finnerty said the DPP had stated the case can go forward.

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R35 F893

23rd November 2018

Re: Direct application to An Bord Pleanála in respect of an application for planning permission for a Strategic Infrastructure Development – namely the continued operation and transition of the existing West Offaly Power electricity generating station, at Shannonbridge, Co. Offaly to biomass, and associated developments

A Chara,

Please note the particular requirements of An Bord Pleanála that the enclosed application documents will be available for public inspection / purchase from **Monday 3rd December 2018** until **Friday 1st February 2019** (inclusive) at **two** offices of Offaly County Council – that at Aras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly and that at Edenderry Town Hall, Edenderry, Co. Offaly.

The public notices setting out the relevant period and locations for public display are attached for your attention.

These notices contains standard information setting out the deadline for submissions by third parties, Prescribed Bodies and other bodies to whom this application has been provided. It is noted that the dates for submission of Offaly County Council differ from those of other Bodies, with the Report of the Planning Authority due **within ten weeks of this application being made.**

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A hard copy of the documentation can also be provided on request.

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Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Helen O'Keeffe'.

Helen O'Keeffe,

Senior Planner, ESB International, Agent on behalf of the Applicant, ESB

Encl. Electronic Copy of Planning Application Documentation, public notices

SITE NOTICE

Planning and Development Acts 2000, as amended

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A person may question the validity of any such decision of the Board by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rule of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986, as amended), in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie under the heading 'Information on Cases / Weekly Lists' – see 'Judicial Review of Planning Decisions' notice, or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Section of An Bord Pleanála (Telephone: 01 8588100).

Signed: 

Helen O'Keeffe, Senior Planner, ESB International, One Dublin Airport Central, Dublin Airport, Cloghran, Co. Dublin, K67 XF72
(Agent on behalf of the Applicant, ESB)

Date: 23rd November 2018

Tourists awarded €30,000 after taxi was rear-ended and motorist fled

Ray Managh

A MOTORIST who rear-ended a taxi at a Dublin roundabout fled into the Phoenix Park, a court has heard.

Circuit Court President Mr Justice Raymond Groarke said while such an action would inevitably have raised suspicions in the mind of the taxi driver, the court could not assume that because of this and other matters, the accident had been "a ready up".

He said the defence put forward by the Motor Insurance Bureau of Ireland (MIBI) was also asking him to infer, because a passenger in the taxi had made a phone call in a foreign language to someone only seconds before the

collision, that the caller was in contact with the rear-ending driver who had fled.

"This is a vast crevasse you are asking me to jump and I am not entirely comfortable with it," he told the MIBI's defence team.

The judge also referred to "conjecture" by the taxi driver that the driver of the other car looked Eastern European, and said the court would not be happy to rely on such evidence to establish identity in a criminal case.

Judge Groarke was dealing with €60,000 damages claims by each of four Polish nationals who were passengers in the taxi and who were injured in the rear-ending incident at the Half-Way-House roundabout



Injured: Mikolaj Urbanowicz, Marta Adamajty, Sylwia Wolosewicz, and Roman Woloniewicz, all from Tottenham, London, outside the Four Courts in Dublin yesterday. PHOTO: COLLINS COURTS

near the Phoenix Park on January 29, 2009.

Sylwia Wolosewicz (33) and her partner Mikolaj Urbanowicz (36), together with their friend Roman Woloniewicz (39) and his partner Marta Adamajty (36), sued the MIBI for a total of €240,000 damages.

The four claimants, all from Tottenham, London, told the court they were on a first-time weekend trip to Dublin and they had gone into the city and

had "got drunk" or had become "pretty drunk". They decided to go to Temple Bar and called a taxi.

All of them were injured in the collision and were treated overnight in hospital.

Within 48 hours of the incident, all four had attended a local GP, having been advised this would be necessary if they intended making a claim, and had attended a solicitor's office.

Awarding them damages

ranging from €4,750 to €10,000, totalling €30,180 together with District Court costs, Judge Groarke said he was convinced they were genuine by the fact two of them had failed to get proper medical reports from their treating doctors in England.

It seemed to him that if they had gone to such bother about an accident, they would have followed through with vigour to have "all the i's dotted and t's crossed".

Solicitor (55) charged with €170,000 theft from clients

Gordon Deegan

A SOLICITOR has appeared in court charged with stealing €170,830 from 11 people when she was acting as a solicitor for the parties.

Michelle O'Keeffe (55), of Fionn Oir, Lahinch Road, Ennis, Co Clare, appeared at Ennis District Court in relation to 19 separate charges of alleged theft between January 2006 and December 2011.

Ms O'Keeffe is also charged with having failed to maintain accounting records as prescribed by the Solicitors Account Regulations 2001 on dates between January 24 2006 and December 22 2011. The 19 separate theft charges outlined the amounts allegedly stolen from each of the alleged injured parties.

Insp David Finnerty said the DPP had stated the case can go forward.

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Details in relation to other public notices or public consultations

10.1 Public Consultation

As outlined in detail in the Planning Report (**Planning Report, Para. 2.4**) and the EIAR (**EIAR, Para. 1.7.3**), ESB have communicated details of the proposed development to the wider community by means of:

- **Briefings to members and officials of Offaly County Council**

The Executive of Offaly County Council was briefed on the proposed project in December 2017. Local elected representatives to the Council (the Birr Municipal District Council) were briefed on the proposed project in January 2018. During the course of project design, periodic updates were provided to the Planning Authority. The Council were given advance notice of the submission of the application prior to the publication of public notices.

- **A public meeting / information session**

A public consultation meeting was held at the Parish Hall in Shannonbridge, County Offaly on the 21st February 2018. The event was advertised in the local newspapers (see **EIAR, Chapter 1**); on local radio; and through posters erected in the village. The event was timed to facilitate afternoon and evening attendance to maximise participation throughout the community. Information was provided through self-guided displays with representatives from the ESB and Bord na Móna on hand to answer queries and discuss the project. The event was structured as informally as possible in order to facilitate meaningful engagement with individuals as well as any local groups who attended.

The consultation meeting was well attended by members of the local community and local representatives. The event was attended by RTÉ News and featured on the national media.

The key issues raised related to:

- Traffic and traffic management;
- Noise;
- Community gain and benefits; and
- The nature of the biomass fuel.

As a follow-up to this meeting, a number of submissions were received from members of the community. These submissions have been considered by the ESB in the framing of this application.

In order to facilitate consideration of this application by the wider community, ESB confirmed with Offaly County Council that the application documentation could be viewed at the offices of Edenderry Municipal District as well as the main Council offices in Tullamore. It was envisaged that this would facilitate most members of the local community.

- **Appointment of a dedicated Community Liaison Officer who was established as a local point of contact**

In order to encourage and facilitate on-going community participation, the Applicant appointed a Community Liaison Officer (CLO) who is active in the local community.

- **Local leaflet drop setting out the proposal; timeframe for lodgement of the planning application and email address for receipt of queries;**

The CLO co-ordinated the door-to-door delivery of a project newsletter to update the local community on the status of the project.

10.2 Pre-Application Consultation with An Bord Pleanála

As part of the formal planning process, the ESB engaged in pre-application discussions with An Bord Pleanála. This process informed various aspects of the project development including the duration of the initial co-firing period – which was minimised to ensure that the use of peat as a fuel was ceased at the earliest possible opportunity, in response to feedback received from the Board, while having regard to the socio-economic impacts of the transition and the overall viability of the project. The consultation file associated with those discussions forms part of the public record.

The determination of SID Status issued on completion of this process is attached – see **Attachment 2**.

10.3 Public Notices

In accordance, and in addition to, the requirements for public notices set out under the Act, ESB has notified the public of these applications by means of:

- **Site notices** – in total 7 No. detailed site notices have been erected on the relevant lands. The location of these notices is shown on the submitted planning application drawings – refer to **Drawing QS-000206-01-D460-007** and **Drawing QS-000206-01-D460-100**.

In electing to exceed the statutory requirements under the Regulations, ESB have endeavoured to ensure that members of the public are aware of the proposed development. Site notices have been erected to ensure, insofar as possible, that these notices will remain in place for the duration of the statutory timeframe.

A copy of the notices is included in Attachment 7.

- **Newspaper notices** – in total 3 No. detailed newspaper notices have been published in a National Newspaper – the Irish Independent, and two regional newspapers – the Tullamore and Midlands Tribune and the Offaly Independent. Each of these publications is approved by Offaly County Council as a newspaper circulating in the area. In again electing to exceed the statutory requirements under the Regulations, ESB have endeavoured to ensure that members of the public are aware of the proposed development.

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10.4 Project Website

ESB have established a dedicated website compliant with the requirements of An Bord Pleanála with respect to the hosting of application documents. That site is located at www.westoffalypower.ie. The project is also registered on the EIA Portal at: <http://housinggovie.maps.arcgis.com/a.pps/webappviewer/index.html?id=d7d5a3d48f104ecb206e7e5f84b71f1>.

10.5 Bodies to whom the Application has been Circulated

In advance of this application being made, a range of advisory bodies were consulted.

In February 2018 an EIA Screening and Scoping Request setting out the Applicant's proposed approach to the scoping of the EIAR was circulated to consultees as part of an informal pre-application consultation process. This document was issued to nineteen consultees, namely:

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- Birdwatch Ireland
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- Offaly County Council (Planning Section)
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- Galway County Council (Environmental Section)
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- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Bord na Móna
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- Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI)
- Irish Peatland Conservation Council
- National Monuments Service (NMS)
- National Parks & Wildlife Services (NPWS)
- Irish Raptor Study Group
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

The EIAR contains copies of the correspondence received in response to that request and a summary of the Applicant's responses to the issues raised (see **EIAR, Chapter 1**).

In order to maintain continuity through the consultative process, the following bodies were provided with a copy of the planning application in advance of its submission to An Bord Pleanála. These bodies were consulted in addition to the 22 No. Prescribed Bodies specified by the Board – see **Table 10.1** over.

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<http://housinggov.ie/maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=d7d5a3d48f104ecbb206e7e5f84b71f1>

A hard copy of the documentation can also be provided on request.

You are advised that the An Bord Pleanála ('the Board') may in respect of the 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 the foregoing kind),

and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions,

- (b) refuse to grant the permission.

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 relating to:

- i. the implications for proper planning and sustainable development,
- ii. the likely effects on the environment; and
- iii. the likely effects on a European site,

if the proposed development is carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be received by the Board no later than 5.30 pm on **Friday 1st February 2019**

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

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Helen O'Keeffe,

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Encl. Electronic Copy of Planning Application Documentation