

**KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL**

We Bord na Móna Powergen Ltd and ESB Wind Development Ltd intend to apply for a ten year planning permission to develop a renewable energy development in the townlands of Drehid, Mulgeeth, Ballynamullagh, Mucklon, Kilmurry (Carbury By), Killyon and Timahoe East, County Kildare. The proposed renewable energy development will comprise of (a) the construction and operation of 2 areas of solar photovoltaic arrays mounted on metal frames over an area of approximately 200ha, and having a maximum overall height of 3 metres over ground level, (b) Internal solar farm underground cabling; (c) 2 no. temporary construction compounds; (d) recreation and amenity works, including looped walk (upgrade of existing tracks and provision of new tracks, car parking and vehicular access); (e) 1 no. Battery Storage compound, (f) Upgrade of existing tracks and provision of new site access roads; (g) Site drainage; (h) Forestry Felling and Replanting; (i) Permanent signage; and (j) All associated site development and ancillary works. The proposed renewable energy development will have an operational life of 35 years from the date of commissioning.

The overall renewable energy project also includes the provision of a 110kV substation with associated electrical plant, welfare facilities, waste water holding tank, security fencing, upgrade of existing tracks and provision of new site access roads, 110kV overhead line grid connection cabling with associated angle lattice masts and supporting polesets and all ancillary works, which is subject to a separate planning application made directly to An Bord Pleanála in accordance with Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been prepared in relation to the project and accompanies this planning application. The planning application, EIAR and NIS may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2018  
NOTICE OF DIRECT PLANNING APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA  
IN RESPECT OF A STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT  
COUNTY KILDARE**

In accordance with Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) Bord na Móna Powergen Ltd. and ESB Wind Development Ltd. gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for a ten year permission in relation to the following proposed development in the townland of Timahoe East, County Kildare.

The proposed development will constitute the provision of the following:

- 1 no. 110kV onsite Electrical substation with associated electrical plant, electrical equipment, welfare facilities, waste water holding tank and security fencing
- 110 kV overhead Line grid connection cabling with associated angle lattice masts and supporting polesets;
- Upgrade of existing tracks and provision of new site access roads;
- Site drainage;
- All associated site development and ancillary works

The proposed substation, overhead line and associated works constitute part of a larger renewable energy project at this location which is subject to a planning application to Kildare County Council. The larger renewable energy project provides for a solar photovoltaic array and all associated infrastructure including temporary construction compounds, battery storage compound, upgrade of existing tracks and provision of new site access roads; site drainage, forestry felling and replanting, permanent signage and all associated site development and ancillary works.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been prepared in relation to the project and accompanies this planning application.

The planning application, EIAR 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 the 20th December 2018 at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.
- The Offices of Kildare County Council, Aras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co. Kildare E91 X77F

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website: [www.timahoenorthgrid.ie](http://www.timahoenorthgrid.ie)

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

- I. The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development, and
- II. The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- III. The likely significant effects of the proposed development on 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 Board not later than 5.30 p.m. on the 18th February 2019. Such submissions/observations must also include the following information:

- 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 the application should be sent,
- The subject matter of the submission or observation, and
- The reasons, consideration 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 Board.

The Board may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing on the application (refer to 'A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development' at [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie))

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

- (a) (i) grant the permission/approval, or
- (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission/approval in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or
- (iii) grant permission/approval 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, or
- (b) Refuse permission to grant the permission/approval

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

- 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 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 on the Boards website ([www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie)) under the following heading:  
Information on cases / Weekly lists – Judicial Review of Planning Decisions  
This information is also available on the Citizens Information Service website [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie).