

An Bord Pleanala  
64 Marlborough Street,  
Dublin 1.

11<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Dear Sir / Madam,

**RE: PLANNING APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED UNDERGROUND DOUBLE CIRCUIT 110KV TRANSMISSION LINE FROM DARNDALE SUBSTATION TO BELCAMP SUBSTATION**

1.1 On behalf the applicant, Amazon Data Services Ireland Ltd. (ADSIL), and further to a determination received from An Bord Pleanala (see Appendix 1) confirming the proposed development constitutes Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) pursuant to Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), we hereby submit this planning application in respect of the provision of a double circuit 110kV underground transmission line between the Belcamp 220kV and 110kV Substation (permitted under ABP Ref.: VA0014) located to the north of the R139 and the Darndale 110kV Substation (permitted under DCC Reg. Ref.: 3288/16 & Reg. Ref.: 3874/15) located at the former Diamond Innovations Site, Clonsaugh Business and Technology Park, Dublin 17.

1.2 The following documentation accompanies this SID planning application:

- 3 no. copies of the planning application form including attachments;
- 3 no. copies of the letters of consent;
- 3 no. copies of the site notice;
- 3 no. original copies of newspaper notices (Daily Mail and the Irish Examiner);
- 3 no. copies of this cover letter
- 7 no. electronic copies provided on CD ROM;
- Application Fee of €100,000;
- 3 no. copies of Planning Report prepared by John Spain Associates;
- 3 no. copies of Engineering Drawings and Schedule prepared by Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates (CSEA);
- 3 no. copies of a Flood Risk Assessment prepared by CSEA.

1.3 The application is also accompanied by 3 no. copies of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Non-Technical Summary prepared by AWN. The EIAR includes a Screening Report for Appropriate Assessment and a Natura

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Impact Statement prepared by Moore Group as Appendix 7.1 and 7.2 respectively. The EIAR comprises of the following chapters:

- Chapter 1: Introduction
- Chapter 2: Description of the Proposed Development
- Chapter 3: Alternatives
- Chapter 4: Population and Human Health
- Chapter 5: Hydrology
- Chapter 6: Land, Soils Geology & Hydrogeology
- Chapter 7: Biodiversity
- Chapter 8: Air Quality & Climate
- Chapter 9: Noise and Vibration
- Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual
- Chapter 11: Archaeological, Architectural and Cultural Heritage
- Chapter 12: Traffic and Transportation
- Chapter 13: Material Assets
- Chapter 14: Waste Management
- Chapter 15: Cumulative Impacts
- Chapter 16: Interactions – Interrelationship between the Aspects
- Non-Technical Summary

1.4 The planning application, the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Assessment has been made available for inspection at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.
- Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, County Dublin.
- Dublin City Council, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8.

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

1.6 The public notices were published and erected on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2019 and which advise that the application will be available for viewing for a period of seven weeks commencing on 15<sup>th</sup> of February, 2019 and that submissions / observations must be made in writing directly to An Bord Pleanála (at An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1) not later than 5:30 pm on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April, 2019.

1.7 5 no hard copies and 2 no. electronic copies have been lodged on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February 2019 with the relevant planning authorities, Fingal County Council and Dublin City Council, who were also named in the list of prescribed bodies provided by the Board.

1.8 In accordance with the Board's determination on the pre-application consultations in respect of the proposed development, copies of the application and notification have been sent to the prescribed bodies listed below on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February 2019. Three of the prescribed bodies indicated that they would be willing to accept a copy of the application in soft format on CD, rather than a full hard copy of the

documentation. This is indicated in the list below where relevant, and a copy of correspondence stating that a soft copy would be preferable is provided as Appendix 2 to this cover letter.

- Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government (now the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government [soft copy only] and the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht)
- Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources (now the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment)
- Minister for Transport Tourism and Sport
- TII
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- Córas Iompair Éireann (soft copy only)
- National Transport Authority
- Commission for Regulation of Utilities (formerly the Commission for Energy Regulation)
- Heritage Council
- An Taisce (soft copy only)
- Irish Water

1.9 As an EIAR is submitted as part of this application, the application has been registered on the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government's EIA Portal. A copy of the EIA Portal confirmation is attached as Appendix 3 of this cover letter. The EIA Portal ID number for this application is **2019023**.

1.10 In accordance with the requirements of the SID application form, a .dwg file with the application site boundary georeferenced using the ITM system is provided within the soft copies of the application herewith.

1.10 If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,



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**John Spain Associates**

**APPENDIX 1: AN BORD PLEANALA DETERMINATION**



An  
Bord  
Pleanála

**Board Direction**  
**BD-002083-19**  
**ABP-300793-18**

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At a further meeting held on 11th January 2019, the Board considered the reports of the Senior Planning Inspector (including the addendum report), as well as the documents and submissions on file.

The Board decided that the proposed development is strategic infrastructure.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation that the proposed development does not fall within the scope of section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, the Board had regard to the confirmation that the proposed development would form part of the national transmission network. The Board was also of the view that the proposed development would be of strategic economic or social importance to the State or the region in which it would be situate, and was not satisfied that the proposed development would not have a significant (positive) effect on the area of more than one planning authority.

Board Member:

John Connolly

Date: 11/01/2019

**APPENDIX 2: CORRESPONDENCE FROM PRESCRIBED BODIES REGARDING  
SOFT COPIES OF DOCUMENTATION**

CIE



Thu 24/01/2019 16:28

CIE Group Property <Property.Dept@cie.ie>  
RE: Strategic Infrastructure Development

To Luke Wymer

Luke  
Thank you for your email.  
I can confirm that CIE would prefer a soft copy.

Many thanks  
Sinead

Sinead Killeen | C.I.E. Group Property Management | Curzon House | 35, Lower Abbey Street | Dublin 1 | D01 H560|

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**From:** Luke Wymer [<mailto:lwymmer@johnspainassociates.com>]  
**Sent:** 24 January 2019 15:41  
**To:** CIE Group Property <[Property.Dept@cie.ie](mailto:Property.Dept@cie.ie)>; CIE Group Property <[Property.Dept@cie.ie](mailto:Property.Dept@cie.ie)>  
**Cc:** Paul Turley <[pturley@johnspainassociates.com](mailto:pturley@johnspainassociates.com)>  
**Subject:** FW: Strategic Infrastructure Development

Dear Sir / Madam,

John Spain Associates intent to submit a Strategic Infrastructure Development application to An Bord Pleanála in the coming days for a development consisting of an underground double circuit 110 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between the existing Belcamp 220kV and 110kV Substation, to the permitted Darndale 110kV Substation located at the former Diamond Innovations Site, Clonshaugh Business and Technology Park, Dublin 17.

CIE have been identified as a prescribed body by the Board.

I would be grateful if you could confirm whether you will require a full hard copy of all application documentation, or would a soft copy on CD be preferable?

Kind regards,

**Luke Wymer**

John Spain Associates,  
39 Fitzwilliam Place,  
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## An Taisce



Thu 24/01/2019 15:42

Doireann NiCheallaigh <doireann.nicheallaigh@antaisce.org>

Re: Strategic Infrastructure Development

To Luke Wymer

Dear Luke,

Thanks for the email. An Taisce would be happy to receive a soft copy on CD for this SID application.

Kind regards,

Doireann ni Cheallaigh

On Thu, 24 Jan 2019 at 15:39, Luke Wymer <[lwyrmer@johnspainassociates.com](mailto:lwyrmer@johnspainassociates.com)> wrote:

Dear Doireann,

John Spain Associates intent to submit a Strategic Infrastructure Development application to An Bord Pleanála in the coming days for a development consisting of an underground double circuit 110 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between the existing Belcamp 220kV and 110kV Substation, to the permitted Darndale 110kV Substation located at the former Diamond Innovations Site, Clonsaugh Business and Technology Park, Dublin 17.

An Taisce have been identified as a prescribed body by the Board.

I would be grateful if you could confirm whether you will require a full hard copy of all application documentation, or would a soft copy on CD be preferable?

Kind regards,

**Luke Wymer**

John Spain Associates,

39 Fitzwilliam Place,

Dublin 2.

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Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government



Mon 04/02/2019 16:05

Planning <PLANNING@housing.gov.ie>  
RE: Strategic Infrastructure Development

To Luke Wymer

Dear Mr Wymer,  
A CD copy would be sufficient.

Best regards,

Austin O'Dowd  
Planning Legislation & Policy Section  
Planning Division

*An Roinn Tithíochta, Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil*  
Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government

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An Roinn Tithíochta,  
Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil  
Department of Housing,  
Planning and Local Government

From: Luke Wymer [<mailto:lwym@johnspainassociates.com>]

Sent: 01 February 2019 15:24

To: Planning <PLANNING@housing.gov.ie>

Subject: Strategic Infrastructure Development

Dear Sir / Madam,

John Spain Associates intent to submit a Strategic Infrastructure Development application to An Bord Pleanála in the coming days for a development consisting of an underground double circuit 110 kilovolt (KV) transmission line between the existing Belcamp 220kV and 110kV Substation, to the permitted Darndale 110kV Substation located at the former Diamond Innovations Site, Clonsbaugh Business and Technology Park, Dublin 17.

The Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government has been identified as a prescribed body by the Board.

I would be grateful if you could confirm whether you will require a full hard copy of all application documentation, or would a soft copy on CD be preferable?

Kind regards,

Luke Wymer

**APPENDIX 3: CONFIRMATION FROM EIA PORTAL**



Fri 08/02/2019 12:13

EIAportal <EIAportal@housing.gov.ie>

EIA Portal Confirmation Notice Portal ID 2019023 Amazon Data Services Ireland Ltd. (ADSIL)

To Luke Wymer

A Chara,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of notification to the EIA Portal on 7 February 2019 in respect of this proposed application.

The information provided has been uploaded to the EIA Portal on 8 February 2019 under EIA Portal ID number **2019023** and is available to view at <http://housinggovie.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=d7d5a3d48f104ecbb206e7e5f84b71f1>.

**Portal ID:** 2019023

**Competent Authority:** An Bord Pleanála

**Applicant Name:** Amazon Data Services Ireland Ltd. (ADSIL)

**Location:** The townlands of Belcamp, Co. Dublin, Clonshaugh, Co. Dublin, and Willsborough, Co. Dublin.

**Description:** Provision of a double circuit 110kV underground transmission line between the Belcamp 220kV and 110kV Substation located to the north of the R139 and the Darndale 110kV Substation

**Linear Development:** Yes

**Date Uploaded to Portal:** 08 February 2019

Regards

Aisling

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

**An Roinn Tithíochta, Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil**  
Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government

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