

## **SITE NOTICE**

### **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) NOTICE OF DIRECT PLANNING APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA IN RESPECT OF A STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COUNTY TIPPERARY**

In accordance with section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), ECOPOWER DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED gives notice of its intention to make an application for permission to An Bord Pleanála in relation to the following proposed development:

The construction of an 110kV electrical substation, in the townland of Mountphilips, near Newport County Tipperary and underground 110kV electrical cables and associated communications cables from the proposed substation in Mountphilips, to the already consented (but not constructed) Upperchurch Windfarm 110kV electrical substation, at Knockcurraghbola Commons, near Upperchurch County Tipperary. The underground cabling is proposed for a route through the townlands (west to east) of Mountphilips / Coole / Freagh / Foildarrig / Oakhampton / Rockvale / Mackney (O'Brien) / Mackney (Bourke) / Ahane / Newross / Castlewaller / Carrowkeale / Tullow / Cooldrisla / Derryleigh / Kilnacappagh / Scraggeen / Derrygareen / Inchadrinagh / Knockancullenagh / Fanit / Lackamore / Tooreenbrien Upper / Tooreenbrien Lower / Reardnogy Beg / Reardnogy More / Shanballyedmond / Bournadomeeny / Coonmore / Foildarragh / Kilcommon / Loughbrack / Knocknabansha / Knockmaroe / Knockcurraghbola Crownlands / Knockcurraghbola Commons, all in the County of Tipperary.

The proposed 110kV electrical substation in Mountphilips Townland (Mountphilips Substation Site) consists of:

- a) 1 no. electrical substation compound and palisade fencing, measuring 98m x 105m;
- b) 1 no. electrical substation control building measuring 25m x 15m and 8m in height;
- c) 6 no. lightning protection monopoles measuring up to 18m in height;
- d) Associated electrical apparatus, plant and equipment; overhead and underground electrical and communications cabling and ancillary works;
- e) Permanent widening of 1 no. existing farm entrance;
- f) 480m of permanent access road measuring 4.5m in width;
- g) 2 no. end masts measuring up to 16m in height;
- h) Temporary access road to end masts;
- i) 1 no. temporary construction compound;
- j) 1 no. temporary and 2 no. permanent watercourse crossings;
- k) Temporary and permanent drainage systems; and
- l) ancillary works.

The proposed underground cabling (110kV UGC) from the proposed substation in Mountphilips townland to the already consented Upperchurch Windfarm Substation in Knockcurraghbola Commons consists of:

- a) 30.5km of underground 110kV electrical cables and associated communications cables;
- b) 42 no. underground joint bays;
- c) replacing 13 no. existing watercourse culverts;
- d) raising road level and parapet walls heights at 3 no. bridges; and
- e) ancillary works.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement (Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment) have been prepared in respect of this application. It is proposed that the appropriate period during which the permission (if granted) is to have effect be varied from 5 years to 10 years, having regard to the nature and extent of this development.

The Planning Application, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and the Natura Impact Statement (Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment) 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 copy) during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at the following locations:

The Offices of An Bord Pleanála 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.

The Offices of Tipperary County Council, Civic Offices, Nenagh, County Tipperary

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website:

[www.upperchurchwindfarmgridconnection.ie](http://www.upperchurchwindfarmgridconnection.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 -

- (a) The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development, and
- (b) the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- (c) the likely adverse effects on the integrity of a European site,

if carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board not later than **5.30 p.m. on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020**. 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 to the application should be sent,
- the subject matter of the submission or observation, and
- the reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full. (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations 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. (For further details see 'A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development' on the Board's website [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie))

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 grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or
  - (iii) approve in part only, the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind),

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

- (b) refuse to approve the proposed development.

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 by the Board by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986, as amended), in accordance with section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.
- Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading 'Information on cases/Weekly lists - Judicial review of planning decisions' on the Board's website [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie) or on the Citizens Information Service website [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

SIGNED: 

PAT BRETT – DIRECTOR,

ECOPOWER DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED, SION ROAD, KILKENNY

DATE OF ERECTION OF SITE NOTICE: 12TH DECEMBER 2019