

An Bord Pleanála

Planning and Development Act 2000 (As amended)

Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála for Approval in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development

Meath County Council

In accordance with section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), Lightsource Renewable Energy Ireland Limited gives notice of its intention to make an application for a period of ten years for approval to An Bord Pleanála in relation to the following proposed development of electricity transmission infrastructure, and associated works in the townlands of Harristown, Castlejordan and Clongall Co. Meath.

The proposed development will consist of a 10-year permission for: a 110kV substation with associated electrical plant, control buildings, welfare facilities, security fencing, additional internal access tracks and drainage, 110kV overhead line grid connection to the existing transmission line on site with associated angle lattice masts (maximum height: approx. 20m) and all ancillary works required to enable the construction and operation of the facility which is associated with the Solar Farm development (Meath County Council Ref: TA/181225) on land at Harristown, Castlejordan and Clongall, Co. Meath which received final grant 22 January 2020. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report and a Natura Impact Statement have been prepared in respect of the proposed development.

The planning application, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making a copy) during the public opening hours for a period of 7 weeks commencing at least 5 days following publication at the following locations:

- The offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01V902; and
- The offices of Meath County Council, Buvinda House, Dublin Road, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 Y291.

The planning application, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement may also be viewed/downloaded at the following website once the application is lodged.

www.Harristown110kVsubstation.ie

A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 7 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the planning authority of the application.

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

- I. The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development;
- II. The likely effects on a European site of the proposed development if carried out; and
- III. The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development.

Any submissions or observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board not later than 7 weeks from the date the documents are made available. Such submissions/observations must also include the following information:

- I. The name of the person making the submission/observation, the name of the person acting on his/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. (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)

The Board may in respect of an application for approval decide to:

- a) (i) grant the approval, or
(ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in the approval and approve the proposed development as so modified, or
(iii) grant approval in part only of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind);
- Or
- b) Refuse to approve the 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 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) 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.

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