

The Arts Council,
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Ireland.

7th September 2020

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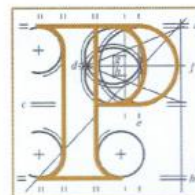


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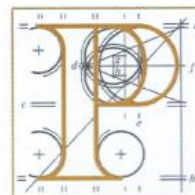


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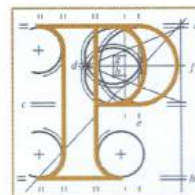


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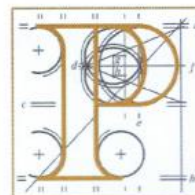


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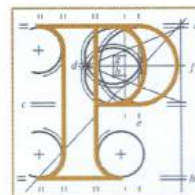


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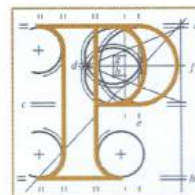


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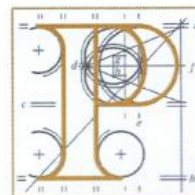


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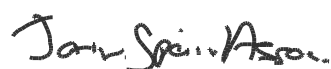
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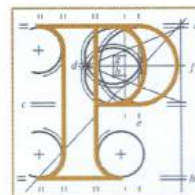


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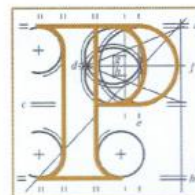


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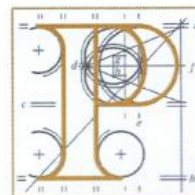


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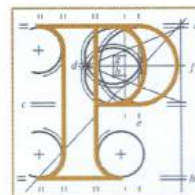


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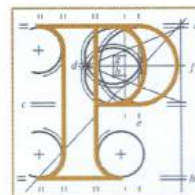


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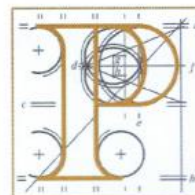


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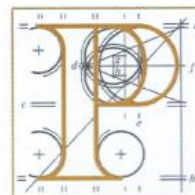


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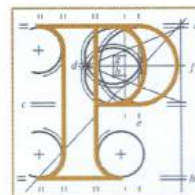


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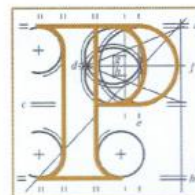


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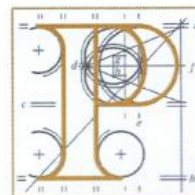


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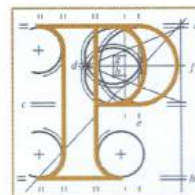


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The proposed 220 kV GIS substation is to be located on lands at Bracetown and Gunnocks, to the north of Clonee, to the west of the R147 Regional Road, and to the southeast of Bracetown Business Park. The proposed substation is located to the south of a proposed data storage development subject to a separate concurrent application under Meath County Council Reg. Ref.: RA191593 and An Bord Pleanála Reg. Ref.: ABP-307546-20.

The proposed substation includes the provision of four transformers, a client control building (with a gross floor area of c. 637 sq.m) and a two storey GIS substation building (with a gross floor area of c. 2,430 sq.m) within a 2.6 m high fenced compound.

The proposed 220 kV transmission cables will run from the proposed 220 kV GIS substation, connecting to existing 220 kV overhead transmission lines to the north of the substation site (within the townlands referenced above).

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One underground transmission cable circuit (the Gunnocks - Woodland circuit) will proceed from the proposed substation to the east, before following the R147 roadway northwards to an existing roundabout linking the R145 with the M3 motorway. From this roundabout, the circuit proceeds northeast through private agricultural lands, before reaching the Corduff – Woodland overhead line. This circuit will cover a distance of c. 2 kilometres.

The other underground transmission cable circuit (Gunnocks – Corduff circuit) will proceed from the proposed substation to the east, following the perimeter of the data storage facility site northwards, then northeast and exiting onto an existing rural roadway. The route then follows this rural road north-eastward, before reaching the Corduff – Woodland overhead line in private agricultural lands to the west of the roadway. This circuit will cover a distance of c. 1.7 kilometres.

Each of the two circuits will terminate in a cable – overhead interface compound containing air-insulated electrical equipment mounted on concrete plinths. Adjacent to each interface compound, an overhead line tower will be erected to facilitate connection of the new underground cables to the existing 220 kV overhead line. Each new overhead line tower will be approximately 21 metres in height, set on top of concrete foundations.

The development includes enabling works, services diversions, adjacent access paths to serve the proposed transmission cables, connections to the proposed substation, landscaping, security fencing and berms, lighting masts, provision of internal access arrangements and car parking within the substation compound, services, all associated construction works, and all ancillary works.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been prepared in respect of this application.

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website: **www.gunnockssid.com**

Five hard copies and two electronic copies (on CD) of the planning application, Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) are submitted herewith. In accordance with the Strategic Infrastructure Development application process, Meath County Council are required to make these application documents available to the public so that they may be inspected free of charge, or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the cost of making a copy) during the public opening house of Meath County Council offices, for a period of seven weeks commencing on **15th of September 2020**.

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 **3rd of November 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 & 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 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 it of the foregoing kind),

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

- (b) refuse to grant the permission/approval.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development Section of a 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 or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie.

Appendix 1 of this letter of notification is a copy of the notification from An Bord Pleanála that the proposed development constitutes a strategic infrastructure development.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

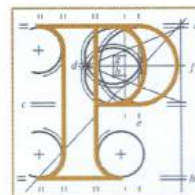


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**APPENDIX 1: ABP DETERMINATION THAT THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
CONSTITUTES STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE**

Our Case Number: ABP-305657-19

Your Reference: EngineNode Ltd - EngineNode



An
Bord
Pleanála

Enginenode Limited
6/9 Trinity Street,
Dublin 2

Date: 18 June 2020

**Re: Proposed substation and associations grid connection at Bracetown, Gunnocks, to the north of Clonee.
Co. Meath**

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please be advised that following consultations under section 182E of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Board hereby serves notice that it is of the opinion that the proposed development falls within the scope of section 182A of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended. Accordingly, the Board has decided that the proposed development would be strategic infrastructure within the meaning of section 182A of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. Any application for approval for the proposed development must therefore be made directly to An Bord Pleanála under section 182A(1) 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.

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.

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