Planning and Development Act 2000 (as Amended)

Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála in Respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development (A proposed Electricity Transmission Development)

County Meath (Meath County Council)

In accordance with Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) CAP Developments LLC, gives notice of its intention to make an application for permission/approval to An Bord Pleanála in relation to the proposed development described below.

The proposed development is to be located on a site within the Drogheda IDA Business and Technology Park, Donore Road, Drogheda, Co. Meath. The development is located to the north of the data storage facility permitted under Reg. Ref.: LB/191735. The site is situated within the townland of Rathmullan and comprises an area of c. 3.1 hectares.

The proposed development primarily comprises the provision of a substation compound and associated dropdown 110kV transmission lines, along with associated and ancillary works and is described as follows:

The proposed substation compound is subdivided into two parts. The western part of the compound will accommodate a two storey 110kV GIS substation building (with a gross floor area of c. 1,447 sq.m). The eastern part of the compound will accommodate four transformers and a single storey client control building (with a gross floor area of c. 423 sq.m) and associated underground services. Both parts of the substation compound are enclosed within 2.6 metre high security fencing.

The proposed dropdown 110kV transmission lines will connect the proposed 110kV GIS substation building to existing 110kV overhead transmission lines traversing the subject site to the west of the proposed substation and will comprise the provision of two dropdown masts (c. 16 metres in height) and associated overhead transmission lines, transitioning to underground transmission lines set within ducts that will subsequently progress into the 110kV GIS Substation building, which will in turn connect to the four transformers.

The development includes access paths, landscaping, security fencing, provision of internal access roads and car parking within the GIS substation compound, provision of a 49kVa electricity connection (c. 544 metres in length, connecting to existing electrical services in the main avenue of the Drogheda IDA Business and Technology Park) for the GIS substation building, a unit substation, lightning masts, services, all associated construction works, and all ancillary works.

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

The planning application and the Environmental Impact Assessment Report 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 the 18th of November 2020 at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.
- Meath County Council, Buvinda House, Dublin Road, Navan, County Meath.

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

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 **15**th **of January 2021**. 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.

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