

The Secretary,
An Bord Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1.

10th November 2020

Dear Sir / Madam,

RE: PLANNING APPLICATION FOR A PROPOSED 110KV GAS INSULATED SWITCHGEAR SUBSTATION COMPOUND, ASSOCIATED DROPDOWN TRANSMISSION LINES, AND ASSOCIATED DEVELOPMENT AT DROGHEDA IDA BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY PARK, DONORE ROAD, DROGHEDA, CO. MEATH

1.1 On behalf the applicant, CAP Developments LLC, and further to a determination received from An Bord Pleanála (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 110kV Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) substation compound, and associated dropdown 110kV transmission lines, along with associated and ancillary works.

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 (The Star and The Herald);
- 3 no. copies of this cover letter
- 7 no. electronic copies provided on CD ROM (including .dwg of the red line application site boundary);
- Application Fee of €100,000;
- 3 no. copies of Planning Report prepared by John Spain Associates;
- 3 no. copies of Engineering Drawings prepared by Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates (CSEA);
- 3 no. copies of an Outline Construction and Environmental Management Plan prepared by CSEA;
- 3 no. copies of an Engineering Services Report prepared by CSEA;
- 3 no. copies of Architectural Drawings, Schedule of Drawings prepared by MCA Architects.

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- 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 prepared by Moore Group as Appendix 8.1. The EIAR comprises of the following chapters:
- Chapter 1: Introduction
 - Chapter 2: Description of the Proposed Development
 - Chapter 3: Planning and Development Context
 - Chapter 4: Alternatives
 - Chapter 5: Human Health and Population
 - Chapter 6: Hydrology
 - Chapter 7: Land, Soils, Geology, and Hydrogeology
 - Chapter 8: Biodiversity Flora and Fauna
 - Chapter 9: Air Quality and Climate
 - Chapter 10: Noise and Vibration
 - Chapter 11: Archaeological, Architectural and Cultural Heritage
 - Chapter 12: Landscape and Visual
 - Chapter 13: Traffic and Transportation
 - Chapter 14: Material Assets
 - Chapter 15: Waste Management
 - Chapter 16: Cumulative Impacts
 - Chapter 17: 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.
 - Meath County Council, Buvinda House, Dublin Road, Navan, Co. Meath.
- 1.5 The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website: www.oldbridgesid.com.
- 1.6 The public notices were published and erected on the **10th of November 2020** and which advise that the application will be available for viewing for a period of seven weeks commencing on **18th of November, 2020** 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 **15th of January 2021**.
- 1.7 5 no hard copies and 2 no. electronic copies have been lodged on the **10th of November 2020** with the relevant planning authority, Meath County 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 **10th of November 2020**.

- Meath County Council (Planning Authority)
- Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht
- Minister for Communications, Climate Action and the Environment
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- Irish Water
- An Chomhairle Ealaíon (The Arts Council)
- Fáilte Ireland
- An Taisce
- The Heritage Council
- The Commission for Regulation of Utilities, Water, and Energy
- Health Service Executive
- Irish Aviation Authority
- Health and Safety Authority

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 2 of this cover letter. The EIA Portal ID number for this application is **2020186**.

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,



John Spain Associates

APPENDIX 1: AN BORD PLEANALA DETERMINATION

Our Case Number: ABP-307437-20
Your Reference: CAP Developments LLC



John Spain Associates
 39 Fitzwilliam Place
 Dublin 2
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Date: 2nd November 2020

Re: 110kV GIS Substation, 4 no. transformers and client control building , 49KVA electrical supply to 110kV GIS substation.
 Lands at Drogheda IDA Business and Technology Park, Donore Road, Drogheda, 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.

A list of the prescribed bodies considered relevant by the Board is attached herein.

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.

Please be also advised that a fee refund in the amount of €3,500 will issue to you in due course as there was only one meeting held on this case.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

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Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

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The following is a schedule of prescribed bodies considered relevant by the Board:

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- Fáilte Ireland
- An Taisce
- Heritage Council
- Commission of Regulation of Utilities, Water and Energy
- Health Service Executive
- Irish Aviation Authority
- Health & Safety Authority

APPENDIX 2: CONFIRMATION FROM EIA PORTAL

EIA Portal Confirmation Notice Portal ID 2020186 CAP Developments LLC



Housing Eiaportal <EIAportal@housing.gov.ie>
To Luke Wymer

Reply Reply All Forward

Fri 06/11/2020 09:40

You forwarded this message on 06/11/2020 09:55.

A Chara,

An EIA Portal notification was received on 05/11/2020 in respect of this proposed application. The information provided has been uploaded to the EIA Portal on 06/11/2020 under EIA Portal ID number **2020186** and is available to view at <http://housinggovie.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=d7d5a3d48f104ecbb206e7e5f84b71f1>.

Portal ID: 2020186

Competent Authority: An Bord Pleanála

Applicant Name: CAP Developments LLC

Location: Drogheda IDA Business and Technology Park, Donore Road, Drogheda, Co. Meath

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

Linear Development: no

Date Uploaded to Portal: 06/11/2020

Morgan O Reilly
EIA Portal Team

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