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Dear Sir

246369-00

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

Greenlink Interconnector – Ireland Onshore

Please be advised that Greenlink Interconnector Ltd is applying to An Bord Pleanála for approval for development in respect of the Greenlink Interconnector elements located onshore in Ireland under Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

The proposed development will form part of the Greenlink Interconnector. The Greenlink Interconnector is designated as a European Union Project of Common Interest (PCI), under the provisions of European Union Regulation No. 347/2013 on guidelines for Trans-European Network for Energy ('TEN-E Regulation'). The Greenlink Interconnector will comprise subsea and underground high voltage electricity cables and associated converter stations to connect EirGrid's Great Island 220 kV substation in County Wexford (Ireland) and National Grid's Pembroke transmission substation in Pembrokeshire (Wales). The elements of the Greenlink Interconnector offshore Ireland, offshore Wales and on land in Wales are the subject of separate applications for consent to the relevant competent authorities.

Approval is sought for the proposed development comprising the following elements:

- a new converter station, tail station, MV substation at Great Island,
- 23km of high voltage direct current (HVDC) electricity cables,
- 420m of high voltage alternating current (HVAC) cables,
- 23.42km of fibre optic cable,

Directors Joe Burns Eva Hinkers (German) Donal McDaid
Company Secretary Ken Freeman

- associated above ground marker posts,
- 54 car parking spaces on the access road to Baginbun Beach,
- the provision of footpaths and street lighting in Ramsgrange village, and
- associated construction compounds,
- with an overall proposed development site area of 83.8ha.

The proposed development will be located in the townlands of Great Island, Kilmannock, Dunbrody, Saltmills, Grange, Kilhile, Rosetown, Coleman, Ramsgrange, Kilbride, Ballinruan, Aldridge, Booley, Broomhill, Lewistown, Kilcloggan, Templetown, Graigue Little, Graigue Great, Lambstown and Ramstown in County Wexford.

The Greenlink Interconnector, of which the proposed development forms part, is likely to have significant effects on the environment of Wales, an area of a Member State of the European Union (i.e., the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland). The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) includes a Joint Environmental Report in respect of the entire of the Greenlink Interconnector, having had regard to the European Commission Guidance on the Application of the Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure for Large-Scale Transboundary Projects (May 2013). A schedule of the consents, required in the United Kingdom, and their status is attached.

The proposed project is fully described in the planning application documentation, including Public Notices, Planning Drawings, Planning Report, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement. An electronic copy of the application has been uploaded to a OneDrive portal on 10/12/2020 which accompanies this letter submitted to you on behalf of Greenlink Interconnector Ltd., South Bank House, Barrow Street, Dublin 4, D04 TR29.

A schedule of the documents and drawings submitted to you is attached.

All of this information will also be available to view at the following dedicated website: www.greenlinkplanning.ie.

Submissions or observations may be made in writing to An Bord Pleanála ('the Board') 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 in the period 16 December 2020 to 12 February 2021 relating to:

- i. the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development of the area or areas concerned, and
- ii. the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, if carried out.
- iii. the likely adverse effects of the proposed development on the integrity of a European Site, if carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be received by An Bord Pleanála (the Board) not later than 5.30pm on the **12 February 2021**.

Please note that An Bord Pleanála may make the following types of decision, under section 182B of the Planning Acts, in respect of the application:

- i. approve the proposed development,
- ii. make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its approval and approve 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), or
 - iv refuse to grant the permission/approval,
- and may attach to an approval such conditions as it considers appropriate.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Section of An Bord Pleanála (Tel: 353 1 8588100), sids@pleanala.ie.

Yours sincerely

for

Ove Arup & Partners Ireland Ltd t/a Arup



Michael Daly (Agent)

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Schedule of Consents in the United Kingdom

Jurisdiction	Permit	Reference	Determining Authority	Status of Application
Wales	Permission Major Development (Outline Planning)	20/0041/PA	Pembrokeshire County Council	Application submitted 20/04/20. Approved 28/07/20. Reserved matters ongoing.
Wales	Permission Major Development (Full Planning)	20/0044/PA	Pembrokeshire County Council	Application submitted 20/04/20. Approved 28/07/20.
Wales	Permission Major Development (Full Planning)	NP/20/0222/FUL	Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority	Application submitted 20/04/20. Approved 15/07/20.
Wales	Marine Licence	CML 1929	Natural Resources Wales (NRW)	Application submitted on 24/06/19. Received confirmation of receipt on 25/06/19. Application validation confirmed by NRW on 02/10/19. Formal consultation commenced on 13/11/19. Determination pending.
Wales	Marine Works Licence	Marine Works Licence 06/19	Milford Haven Port Authority	Application was submitted on 27/11/19. Determination pending.

Greenlink Interconnector Project

List of Planning Application Documents and Drawings

1. SID Application Form
2. Copy of the relevant page of the Irish Independent and Wexford People containing the project Newspaper Notice, as published on 8th December 2020.
3. Copy of the Site Notice, as erected, on white background at 8 no. locations across the extent of the proposed development, the locations of same being shown on Drawing No's C-RM-002, C-RM-003 and C-RM-004 accompanying this planning application
4. Letters of consent received from the legal owners of the lands in question as follows:
 - Brian Barnwell
 - Coras Iompair Eireann
 - Dermot Doyle
 - Edel Barnwell
 - Edward Power
 - ESB Networks
 - Ivan Ward
 - John Joe Furlong
 - John Joseph O'Brien
 - Joseph Chapman
 - Mary O'Brien
 - Matthew Hyland & Bernadette Sutton
 - Michael Murphy, John Flahavan, Liam Strain & Patrick Hoynes
 - Patrick Cummins
 - Philip Cleary
 - Sean Clancy
 - Sheila Chapman
 - SSE Generation Ireland Limited
5. A schedule of Prescribed Bodies and Wexford County Council to whom a copy of the application, the EIAR and NIS together with a notice, in accordance with Section 182A (4)(b) of the Act, has been sent
6. Planning Report, including Appendix A – Consultation Report Ireland
7. Environmental Impact Assessment Report –Ireland | Onshore, comprising:
 - EIAR Volume 1 – Part A – Non Technical Summary
 - EIAR Volume 1 – Part B – Main Chapters
 - EIAR Volume 2 – Appendices; including Appendix 1.6 – Joint Environmental Report | Greenlink Summary of Offshore & Onshore Environmental Effects
8. Confirmation Notice from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government re provision of required information for its EIA portal
9. Natura Impact Statement | Ireland Onshore
10. Electromagnetic Field (EMF) Environmental Report
11. Greenlink - Consent Applications Overview
12. Greenlink Marine EIAR - Ireland
 - EIAR Volume 1 – Non-technical Summary

- EIAR Volume 2 – Main Chapters
 - EIAR Volume 3A – Appendices A-G
 - EIAR Volume 3B – Appendices H-L
13. Greenlink Marine Natura Impact Statement
 14. ABP permits & consent confirmation letter 01.09.20 - signed
 15. A set of the Planning Application Drawings, as per attached Schedule

Sheila O'Sullivan

From: Guy Skelton <Guy.Skelton@communities.gov.uk>
Sent: Friday 11 December 2020 11:06
To: Sheila O'Sullivan; Ryan Shean
Cc: Michael Daly
Subject: [External] RE: Greenlink Interconnector - Planning Application for Ireland Onshore

Good morning,

Thank you for sending this across. I can confirm receipt.

Many thanks,

Guy

From: Sheila O'Sullivan <Sheila.OSullivan@arup.com>
Sent: 11 December 2020 09:26
To: Ryan Shean <Ryan.Shean@communities.gov.uk>
Cc: Michael Daly <michael.daly@arup.com>; Guy Skelton <Guy.Skelton@communities.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Greenlink Interconnector - Planning Application for Ireland Onshore

Good morning,

I am following up on my email yesterday afternoon in relation to Greenlink Interconnector (see below).

I would be grateful if you could respond to my email to confirm receipt as I need to include details of such within our application documentation to An Bord Pleanala.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact myself or Michael Daly.

Kind regards,
Sheila

From: Sheila O'Sullivan
Sent: Thursday 10 December 2020 15:50
To: Ryan Shean <Ryan.Shean@communities.gov.uk>
Cc: Michael Daly <michael.daly@arup.com>; Guy Skelton <Guy.Skelton@communities.gov.uk>
Subject: Greenlink Interconnector - Planning Application for Ireland Onshore [Filed 10 Dec 2020 15:50]

Dear Mr. Shean,

We are notifying you as the transboundary point of contact for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the purposes of section 182A(4)(c) of the Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended.

I am emailing to notify you that Greenlink Interconnector Ltd is applying to An Bord Pleanala for approval for development in respect of the Greenlink Interconnector elements located onshore in Ireland under Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Please refer to the attached letter providing details of such.

Please find below a link to download a copy of the planning application documentation.

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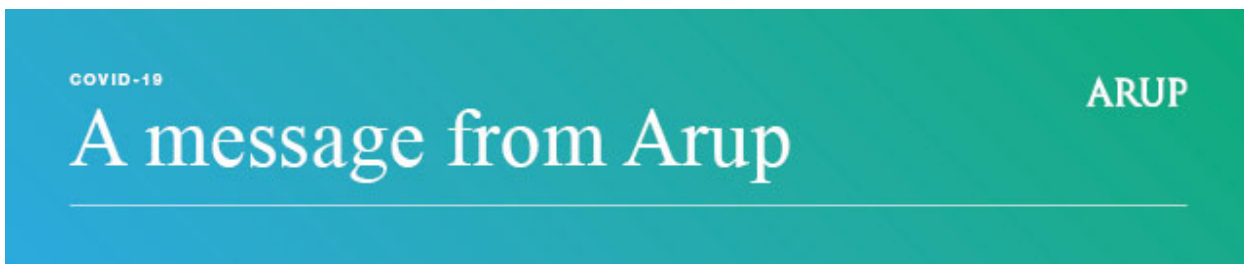
Please respond to this email to confirm receipt of your letter of notification and documentation.

Kind Regards,
Sheila

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