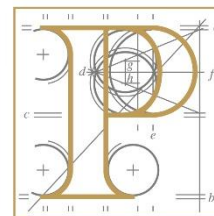


Our Case Number: ABP-306018-19

Your Reference: Drumlins Park Limited



An
Bord
Pleanála

Galetech Energy Services
Clondargan,
Stradone,
Co. Cavan
H12 NV06

Date: 20 April 2020

Re: 110kV loop-in/loop-out substation including substation compound, associated electrical plant and apparatus
Newbliss, County Monaghan

A Chara,

Please be advised that the Board hereby serves notice that it is of the opinion that the proposed development falls within the scope of section 182A of the 2000 Act and would constitute strategic infrastructure.

Any application for approval for the proposed development must therefore be made directly to An Bord Pleanála under section 182A(1) of the Act.

The following is a schedule of prescribed bodies considered relevant in this instance for the purposes of Section 182A(4)(b) of the Act:

Minister of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment

Monaghan Co. Council

Transport Infrastructure Ireland

An Chomhairle Ealaíon

Fáilte Ireland

An Taisce

Heritage Council

Commission of Regulation of Utilities, Water and Energy

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64 Sráid Maoilbhríde	64 Marlborough Street
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Health Service Executive

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

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

Yours faithfully,

Rob Mac Giollarnáth

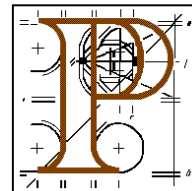
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Electricity Applications Procedures

- The application must be made by way of full completion of application form to An Bord Pleanála.
- The sequencing of the application process and the content of the public notice is as set out at section 182A of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.
- The Board requires as a minimum that the public notice of the application would be in two newspapers circulating in the area to which the proposed development relates, one of which should be a national newspaper (A sample public notice is attached). A site notice may be required in certain circumstances in respect of structures such as sub-stations and, where required, should accord with the protocols set out in the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2011. The date of the erection of the site notice is to be inserted; otherwise it should contain the same information as the newspaper notices and should remain in place for the duration of the period during which the public can make submissions to the Board.
- The documentation relating to the application is to be available for public inspection at the offices of the relevant planning authority and the offices of An Bord Pleanála. In this regard the requirements in terms of the number of copies of the documentation to be lodged with the relevant planning authority and the Board is as follows:
 - Planning Authority – 5 hard copies and 2 electronic copies.
 - An Bord Pleanála – 3 hard copies and 7 electronic copies.
- The Board also requires the prospective applicant to provide a stand alone website containing all of the application documentation. The address of this website is to be included in the public notice.
- The public notice of the application is to indicate that the application documentation will be available for public inspection after the elapsment of at least 5 working days from the date of the publication of the notice so as to ensure that the documentation is in place for such inspection.
- The time period for the making of submissions by the public is to be at least seven weeks from the date the documents become available for inspection (not from the date of publication of the public notices). The

Board requires that the public notice must indicate the deadline time and date for the making of submissions to the Board. It was agreed that the prospective applicant would advise the Board's administrative personnel in advance of the details of its proposed public notice and that any further definitive advice on same including confirmation of dates/times could be communicated at that stage.

- The service of notice of the application on any prescribed bodies must include a clear statement that the person served can make submissions to the Board by the same deadline as specified in the public notice (Sample letter to prescribed bodies is attached).
- The service letter on the planning authority with the necessary copies of the documents should be addressed to the Chief Executive and should also alert the authority to the Board's requirement that the application documentation be made available for public inspection/purchase by the planning authority in accordance with the terms of the public notice (copies of any newspaper/site notices should be provided to the planning authority). It is the Board's intention that all of the application documentation will remain available for public inspection during the currency of the application.
- The depositing of the application documentation and the making of the application to the Board should take place immediately after the publication of the notice and the completion of the service requirements. It should not await the elapsment of the period for the public to make submissions. The application should include a list of the persons served with the application, the date of such service and a sample copy of the notice of service.
- The fee for lodging an application is €100,000. The fee for making a submission in respect of an application is €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies which are exempt from this fee). There is a provision in the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010 enabling the Board to recover its costs for processing any application from the applicant. In addition it was pointed out that the legislation also enables the Board direct payment of costs or a contribution towards same to the planning authority and third parties.

The sequencing of the making of the application was summarised as follows:

1. Publish newspaper notices.
2. Serve copy of relevant documents on bodies/persons required to be notified of the application. Deposit required number of copies with relevant planning authority.
3. Deposit required number of copies of application documentation with An Bord Pleanála and make an application to it.

Guidelines for Electronic Copies of Applications (Standalone Website & CD Copies)

1. Each document/drawing should be clearly labelled:
 - EIS and NIS chapters saved individually should be named with the number and title of the chapter e.g. Chapter 2: Ecology, Chapter 3: Human Beings etc., and not just the chapter number.
 - Document names cannot begin or end with a dot, cannot contain consecutive dots and cannot contain any of the following characters: ~ " # % & * : < > ? / \ { | }.
 - Drawings should be saved with the drawing title and/or number, not just the drawing number.
 - Large documents to have 'contents' page e.g. EIS and to be paginated appropriately to allow ease of access to its various sections.
2. Documents/drawings should not be compressed e.g. not Winzipped, and should open directly.
3. Each document/drawing when opened should be clearly legible and any scaling of the drawing clearly and accurately indicated.
4. Each document/drawing when opened should be oriented in the appropriate way (portrait/landscape). It should also be possible to rotate the document/drawing.
5. The documents/drawings should be presented in the same sequence as they appear in the hard copy of the application, in order to make the electronic copy as accessible as possible.
6. All photographs/photomontages shall be in colour, not blurred and clearly legible.
7. All drawings/maps which rely on any colour interpretation e.g. red/blue edging, zoning etc. must be provided in colour.

July, 2015

Sample Public Notice

Guidance Note

Does the proposed development require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report?

Does the proposed development require the preparation of a Natura Impact Statement?

Do you consider that the proposed development is likely to have significant effects on the environment in a transboundary state?

Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purpose of an activity requiring an integrated pollution prevention and control licence or a waste licence?

Does the application relate to the provision of, or modifications to, an establishment under the Major Accident Regulations?

Does the proposed development consist of or comprise the carrying out of works to a protected structure or proposed protected structure?

Does the application relate to a development in a Strategic Development Zone?

Does the proposed development involve the demolition of any habitable house?

If the answer to any of the above questions is **yes** please make reference to that fact in the public notice.

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2017

**Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála in Respect of
a Strategic Infrastructure Development**

County _____

In accordance with section (please quote the statutory provision under which the application is being made) _____ of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, ___(Applicants name) ___ gives notice of its intention to make an application for permission/approval to An Bord Pleanála in relation to the following proposed development:

(Full description and address of proposed development)

[See guidance note for other information that may be required here]

The planning application, (the Environmental Impact Assessment Report) and (the Natura Impact Statement, if applicable) 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 _____ (give a least five working days from the date of the notice as the date available for inspection) at the following locations:

The Offices of An Bord Pleanála 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.

The Offices of the relevant Planning Authority (Name & Address)

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website:

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 adverse effects on the integrity of a European site, (if applicable).
[(iii) to be inserted where an NIS is submitted]

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 _____ (insert date). 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 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 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 An 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 Publications - Judicial Review Notice on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie