

An
Bord
Pleanála

Application Form for Permission / Approval in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development

1.

Please specify the statutory provision under which your application is being made:

S.182 – Electricity Transmission Development

2. **Applicant:**

Name of Applicant:	Crag Digital Avoca Ltd
Address:	Unit 22 The Cubes, Beacon South Quarter, Sandyford, Dublin 18.
Telephone No:	(01) 905 3563
Email Address (if any):	N/A

3. Where Applicant is a company (registered under the Companies Acts):

Name(s) of company director(s):	Graeme McWilliams, Niall Molloy, David Molloy
Registered Address (of company)	Unit 22 The Cubes, Beacon South Quarter, Sandyford, Dublin 18
Company Registration No.	622311
Telephone No.	(01) 905 3563
Email Address (if any)	N/A

4. Person / Agent acting on behalf of the Applicant (if any):

Name:	John Spain Associates
Address:	39 Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin 2
Telephone No.	087 2079750
Mobile No. (if any)	N/A
Email address (if any)	lwymmer@johnspainassociates.com

Should all correspondence be sent to the above address? (Please tick appropriate box)

(Please note that if the answer is "No", all correspondence will be sent to the Applicant's address)

Yes: [**X**] No: []

Contact Name and Contact Details (Phone number) for arranging entry on site if required / appropriate:

Luke Wymer – (01) 662 5803

5. Person responsible for preparation of Drawings and Plans:

Name:	Brian Sayers
Firm / Company:	Malachy Walsh and Partners
Address:	The Elm Suite Loughmore Centre Raheen Business Park Limerick
Telephone No:	061 480164
Mobile No:	087 653 4539
Email Address (if any):	-
<p>Details all plans / drawings submitted – title of drawings / plans, scale and no. of copies submitted. This can be submitted as a separate schedule with the application form.</p> <p>Please refer to separate schedule of drawings.</p>	

6. Site:

Site Address / Location of the Proposed Development (as may best identify the land or structure in question)	The proposed development is to be located on a site within the existing Avoca River Park, Arklow, Co. Wicklow. The proposed development is to be located within the townland of Shelton Abbey, within an existing area of development comprising an industrial estate, and comprises an area of c. 1.69 hectares. The application site is located to the west of the site of a permitted data storage development (permitted under Reg. Ref.: 18940 and An Bord Pleanála Ref.: 303938-19), which is subject to a further current application for an alternate data storage facility development (under Reg. Ref.: 201285).	
Ordnance Survey Map Ref No. (and the Grid Reference where available)	4427-B, 4369	
Where available, please provide the application site boundary, as shown in the submitted plans / drawings, as an ESRI shapefile in the Irish Transverse Mercator (ITM IRENET95) co-ordinate reference system. Alternatively, a CAD file in .dwg format, with all geometry referenced to ITM, may be provided. Please refer to .DWG file submitted on disc.		
Area of site to which the application relates in hectares	1.69	ha
Site zoning in current Development Plan for the area:	E1 – Employment	
Existing use of the site & proposed use of the site:	<p>The site is currently occupied by disused industrial buildings and outbuildings.</p> <p>The proposed use of the site is as a 110kV Gas Insulated Switchgear Substation.</p>	
Name of the Planning Authority(s) in whose functional area the site is situated:	Wicklow County Council	

7. Legal Interest of Applicant in respect of the site the subject of the application:

Please tick appropriate box to show applicant's legal interest in the land or structure:	Owner X	Occupier
	Other	
Where legal interest is "Other", please expand further on your interest in the land or structure.		
N/A		
If you are not the legal owner, please state the name and address of the owner and supply a letter from the owner of consent to make the application as listed in the accompanying documentation.		
N/A		
Does the applicant own or have a beneficial interest in adjoining, abutting or adjacent lands? If so, identify the lands and state the interest.		
Yes, the applicant is the owner of lands adjoining the application site at Avoca River Park. These lands are outlined in blue on the accompanying site location map.		

8. Site History:

Details regarding site history (if known):
Has the site in question ever, to your knowledge, been flooded?
Yes: [] No: [X]
If yes, please give details e.g. year, extent:
Are you aware of previous uses of the site e.g. dumping or quarrying?
Yes: [] No: [X]
If yes, please give details:

Are you aware of any valid planning applications previously made in respect of this land / structure?		
Yes: [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] No: [<input type="checkbox"/>]		
If yes, please state planning register reference number(s) of same if known and details of applications		
Reg. Ref. No:	Nature of Proposed Development	Nature of Final Decision of Application Grant of Refusal by Planning Authority / An Bord Pleanála
Reg. Ref.: 16345	Change of use from industrial use to plastics recycling facility use.	Grant of permission by the Planning Authority.
Reg. Ref.: 081963	Retention permission for paving display area, 2m high boundary fence, office, external cladding of storage shed and signage.	Retention permission granted by the Planning Authority.
Reg. Ref.: 18940 and ABP Ref.: 303938-19	Demolition of existing buildings to the southeast and construction of 3 no. data storage facility buildings.	Grant of permission by An Bord Pleanála
Reg. Ref.: 201285	Demolition of existing buildings to the southeast and construction of 3 no. data centre buildings.	Current application with decision due by the 17th of February 2021.
<p>If a valid planning application has been made in respect of this land or structure in the 6 months prior to the submission of this application, then any required site notice must be on a yellow background in accordance with Article 19(4) of the Planning and Development regulations 2001 as amended.</p> <p>As there is an overlap between the red line boundary of the current Electricity Transmission SID application, and the boundary of application Reg. Ref.: 201285, which was registered less than 6 months prior to the current SID application, the site notices erected at the site are printed on a yellow background.</p>		

Is the site of the proposal subject to a current appeal to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a similar development?

Yes: ☐ No: ☒

If yes please specify

An Bord Pleanála Reference No.: _____

9. Description of the Proposed Development:

Brief description of nature and extent of development

The proposed development primarily comprises the demolition of existing structures on site and the provision of a substation compound along with associated and ancillary works and is described as follows:

The existing structures on site to be demolished comprise 4 no. industrial commercial buildings, an associated hut / outbuilding, a gas enclosure, and a tank with bund wall. The remains of a previously demolished building, areas of hard standing, and existing surface treatments will also be removed as part of the site clearance works.

The proposed substation compound is subdivided into two parts. The northern part of the compound will accommodate a two storey 110kV GIS substation building (with a gross floor area of c. 1,377 sq.m). The southern part of the compound will accommodate four transformers and a single storey client control building (with a gross floor area of c. 416 sq.m) and associated underground services. Both parts of the substation compound will be enclosed within 2.6 metre high security fencing. The overall compound will be enclosed within a property fence 1.4 metres in height.

The development includes access paths, landscaping, security fencing, provision of access roads, car parking within the GIS substation compound, provision of a rural supply electricity connection (connecting to existing electrical services to the east of the proposed substation compound) for the GIS substation building, a unit substation, lightning masts, drainage and attenuation systems, services, all associated construction works, and all ancillary works.

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

10. In the case of mixed development (e.g. residential, commercial, industrial, etc), please provide breakdown of the different classes of development and a breakdown of the gross floor area of each class of development:

Class of Development:	Gross Floor Area in m ²
N/A – Not mixed development	

11. Where the application relates to a building or buildings:

Gross floor space of any existing buildings(s) in m ²	2,992 sq.m
Gross floor space of proposed works in m ²	1,793 sq.m
Gross floor space of work to be retained in m ² (if appropriate)	N/A
Gross floor space of any demolition in m ² (if appropriate)	2,992 sq.m

12. In the case of residential development please provide breakdown of residential mix: N/A

Number of	Studio	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	4 + Bed	Total
Houses	N/A						
Apartments	N/A						
Number of car-parking spaces to be provided		Existing:	Proposed:			Total:	

13. Social Housing:

Please tick appropriate box:	Yes	No
<i>Is the application an application for permission for development to which Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 applies?</i>		X
<p>If the answer to the above question is “yes” and the development is not exempt (see below), you must provide, as part of your application, details as to how you propose to comply with section 96 of Part V of the Act.</p> <p>If the answer to the above question is “yes” but you consider the development to be exempt by virtue of section 97 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, a copy of the Certificate of Exemption under section 97 must be submitted (or, where an application for a certificate of exemption has been made but has not yet been decided, a copy of the application should be submitted).</p> <p>If the answer to the above question is “no” by virtue of section 96 (13) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, details indicating the basis on which section 96 (13) is considered to apply to the development should be submitted.</p>		

14. Where the application refers to a material change of use of any land or structure or the retention of such a material change of use: **Not Applicable**

Existing use (or previous use where retention permission is sought)
<u>Not Applicable</u>
Proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain)
<u>Not Applicable</u>
Nature and extent of any such proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain).
<u>Not Applicable</u>

15. Development Details:

Please tick appropriate box:	If answer is yes please give details	YES	NO
Does the proposed development involve the demolition of a Protected Structure(s), in whole or in part?			X
Does the proposed development consist of work to a protected structure and / or its curtilage or proposed protected structure and / or its curtilage?			X
Does the proposed development consist of work to the exterior of a structure which is located within an architectural conservation area (ACA)?			X
Does the application relate to development which affects or is close to a monument or place recorded under section 12 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act, 1994.			X
Does the application relate to work within or close to a European Site or a Natural Heritage Area?			X
Does the development require the preparation of a Natura Impact Statement?			X (AA Screening Report included in EIAR, Appendix 7.1)
Does the proposed development require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report?		X	
Do you consider that the proposed development is likely to have significant effects on the environment in a transboundary state?			X
Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purpose of an activity requiring an integrated pollution prevention and control license			X
Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purpose of an activity requiring a waste license?			X
Do the Major Accident Regulations apply to the proposed development?			X

Does the application relate to a development in a Strategic Development Zone?		X
Does the proposed development involve the demolition of any habitable house?		X

16. Services:

Proposed Source of Water Supply:
<p>Existing connection: <input type="checkbox"/> New Connection: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Public Mains: <input type="checkbox"/> Group Water Scheme: <input type="checkbox"/> Private Well: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other (please specify): [X]</p> <p>_Potable water is not required as the buildings will not normally be occupied. Rainwater harvesting will provide water for use in restroom.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Name of Group Water Scheme (where applicable):</p> <p>_N/A_</p>
Proposed Wastewater Management / Treatment:
<p>Existing: <input type="checkbox"/> New: [X]</p> <p>Public Sewer: <input type="checkbox"/> Conventional septic tank system: [X]</p> <p>Other on site treatment system: <input type="checkbox"/> Please Specify:</p> <p>_Proposed sewer connection to storage / septic tank – please refer to engineering services report.</p> <p>_____</p>
Proposed Surface Water Disposal:
<p>Public Sewer / Drain: <input type="checkbox"/> Soakpit: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Watercourse: [X] Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Please specify:</p>

17. Notices:

Details of public newspaper notice – paper(s) and date of publication
Copy of page(s) of relevant newspaper enclosed Yes: [X] No:[] Notices have been published in the Irish Daily Mail and The Star on the 21st and 22nd of January 2021 respectively. Both of these newspapers are identified on the list of approved newspapers for Wicklow County Council.
Details of site notice, if any, - location and date of erection
Copy of site notice enclosed Yes: [X] No:[] Site notices were erected on the 21st of January 2021, and are located at the entrances to the application site within the Avoca River Park and at the entrance to Avoca River Park from the public road.
Details of other forms of public notification, if appropriate e.g. website
A public website has been prepared for the application – www.pollahoneysid.com

18. Pre-application Consultation:

Date(s) of statutory pre-application consultations with An Bord Pleanála
Pre-application meetings were undertaken on the 21 st of July 2020 and the 5 th of October 2020 under pre-application ABP Ref.: 307256-20.
Schedule of any other pre application consultations –name of person / body and date of consultation to be provided as appropriate and also details of any general public consultations i.e. methods, dates, venues etc. This can be submitted as a separate schedule with the application form.
Enclosed: Yes: [X] No:[]
Please refer to Planning Report.
Schedule of prescribed bodies to whom notification of the making of the application has been sent and a sample copy of such notification.
Enclosed:

Yes: [**X**] No:[]

Copy of notification letters submitted herewith.

Copies of the application, along with letters of notification were issued to the following prescribed bodies as requested within the determination on the pre-application consultation process:

- **Wicklow County Council (Chief Executive's Office and Planning Department)**
- **Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government (Now Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage)**
- **Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources (Now Minister for the Environment, Climate, and Communications)**
- **Transport Infrastructure Ireland**
- **An Taisce**
- **Heritage Council**
- **Inland Fisheries Ireland**
- **Commission for Regulation of Utilities, Water and Energy**
- **Iarnród Éireann**
- **The Railway Safety Commission (The Commission for Railway Regulation)**

19. Confirmation Notice:

Copy of Confirmation Notice

Attach a copy of the confirmation notice in relation to the EIA Portal where an EIAR accompanies the application.


Please refer to the EIA Portal Confirmation Notice which forms an appendix to the Planning Cover Letter.

20. Application Fee:

Fee Payable

€100,000 – paid via EFT

I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given in this form is correct and accurate and that the application documents being deposited at the planning authority offices, and any other location specified by the Board in pre application consultations, including a website (if any) will be identical to the application documents being deposited with the Board.

Signed: (Applicant or Agent as appropriate)	
Date:	22/01/2021

General Guidance Note:

The range and format of material required to be compiled / submitted with any application in respect of a proposed strategic infrastructure development shall generally accord with the requirements for a planning application as set out in the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 to 2018 and those Regulations should therefore be consulted prior to submission of any application.

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