

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 Wicklow (Wicklow County Council)

In accordance with Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), Crag Digital Avoca Ltd 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 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).

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.

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 29th of January 2021** at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.
- Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Whitegates, Wicklow Town, Co. Wicklow.

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website: **www.pollahoneysid.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 **19th of March 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.

Signed: 

(John Spain Associates - Agent)

Date of Erection of Site Notice: **21st January 2021**