



Ref. 21280.

10th March 2021

Planning Department,
Áras an Chontae,
Charleville Rd,
Tullamore,
Co. Offaly,
R35 F893.

Re: Section 182A Application to An Bord Pleanála for Kilcumber Bridge 110kV substation, Co Offaly.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are engaged by Cloncant Renewable Energy Limited for the preparation of the design, planning and EIA for the above-mentioned proposed substation development.

Please find enclosed a CD with a copy of all planning application documentation for the proposed substation development located in the townlands of Ballykilleen, Cloncreen and Ballinowlart North Co. Offaly.

This project has been the subject of a Pre-application Stage consultation for Strategic Infrastructure with An Bord Pleanála (An Bord Pleanála Ref. ABP-306323-20). An Bord Pleanála has determined that this proposed project falls within the Strategic Infrastructure Development consent process. In confirming that this project is a Strategic Infrastructure Development project it has identified 11 prescribed bodies that have to be notified in relation to this planning application. Accordingly, we are notifying you that the application has been lodged with An Bord Pleanála on Friday 12th of March 2021.

The following sets out the description of the proposed development:

- One (1) No. proposed 110kV Air Insulated Switchgear (AIS) Loop Substation including: an outdoor electrical yard including electrical equipment such as electrical pylons, over and underground ducting & cables, busbars, disconnects, breakers, sealing ends, lightning and lighting masts, single storey control building containing associated facilities (relay room, battery room, generator room, messroom, welfare facilities, workshop and office). Security fencing and all associated works.
- 400m long overhead line (OHL) grid connection going south east from the substation and connecting into the adjacent existing Cushaling – Mount Lucas 110kV OHL.
- One (1) No. site entrance and 60m entrance road.
- One (1) No. Temporary construction site compound (95m x 50m).
- Associated surface water management systems.
- All Associated site development works.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in relation to the project and accompanies the application.



The CD attached contains the following information:

- Planning application documentation
- Planning application Drawings
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)
- Natura Impact Statement (NIS)

You are advised that the Board may in respect of an application for permission decide to:

(a) (i) grant the permission, or (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or (iii) grant permission 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.

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 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 or adverse effect on any European site.

Any submissions/observations must be received by the Board not later than 5.30pm on 13th May 2021.

The full application is available for viewing and download on the dedicated SID project website at the following address: www.kilcumberbridgesubstationsid.ie

If you have any queries, please contact the undersigned at 061 480164 or on email at graeme.thornton@mwp.ie

Sincerely

Graeme Thornton
For and behalf of Malachy Walsh and Partners