

**SITE NOTICE**  
**Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)**  
**Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála**  
**in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development**  
**County Offaly**

In accordance with Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, Cloncant Renewable Energy Limited gives notice of its intention to make an application for a ten year planning permission to An Bord Pleanála in relation to the following proposed development in the townlands of Ballykilleen, Cloncreen and Ballinowlart North, Co. Offaly.

The proposed development for which permission under Section 182B is being sought constitutes the following:

- 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.

This application is seeking a ten year permission and an unlimited operational period, as part of the national electricity transmission system operated by Eirgrid from commissioning.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development.

The planning application, EIAR and NIS 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 a copy) during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 at the following locations:

- The offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.
- The offices of Offaly County Council, Planning Department, Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly, R35 F893.

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following stand-alone website: [www.kilcumberbridgesubstationsid.ie](http://www.kilcumberbridgesubstationsid.ie)

Submissions or observations may be made to An Bord Pleanála (The Board) during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks relating to:

- i. the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development,
- 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 accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board not later than 5.30pm on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Such submissions/observations must also include the following information:

- The name of the person making the submission or observations, the name of the person acting on their 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 it 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](http://www.pleanala.ie)).

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.

A person may question the validity of any such decision of 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 on the Board's website [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie) under the heading Judicial Review Notice or on the Citizens Information Services website [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

SIGNED: 

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**DATE OF ERECTION OF SITE NOTICE: 11th March 2021**