Our Case Number: ABP-306723-20 Your Reference: Huntstown Power Company Limited



Brock McClure Planning & Development Consultants 63 York Road Dun Laoghaire Co. Dublin

Date: 05 February 2021

**Re:** Proposed strategic infrastructure development of a data centre on undeveloped land linked to existing Huntstown power stations, new GIS substation and associated site works Townland of Huntstown, North Road, Finglas, Dublin 11

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please be advised that following consultations under section 182E of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Board hereby serves notice that it is of the opinion that the proposed development falls within the scope of section 182A of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended. Accordingly, the Board has decided that the proposed development would be strategic infrastructure within the meaning of section 182A of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

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

Please also be informed that the Board considers that the pre-application consultation process in respect of this proposed development is now closed.

In accordance with section 146(5) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Board will make available for inspection and purchase at its offices the documents relating to the decision within 3 working days following its decision. This information is normally made available on the list of decided cases on the website on the Wednesday following the week in which the decision is made.

In accordance with the fees payable to the Board and where not more than one pre-application meeting is held in the determination of a case, a refund of €3,500 is payable to the person who submitted the pre-application consultation fee. As only one meeting was required in this case, a refund of 3,500 will be sent to you in due course.

The attachment contains information in relation to challenges to the validity of a decision of An Bord Pleanála under the provisions of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

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Also, attached is a schedule of prescribed bodies to be consulted if an application for the proposed development is made to the Board.

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,

Jennifer Sherry

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## List of Prescribed Bodies for ABP-306723-20

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

Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment

**Fingal County Council** 

Transport Infrastructure Ireland

Irish Water

An Chomhairle Ealaíon

Fáilte Ireland

An Taisce

Heritage Council

Commission for Regulation of Utilities, Water and Energy

Health Service Executive

Health and Safety Authority

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Dear Sir / Madam,

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer to our letter dated today 5th February, 2021 notifying you of the Board's determination.

Upon further examination of the case file more than one pre-application consultation meeting was held and therefore, a refund of 3,500 is not applicable in this instance.

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## Board Direction BD-007484-21 ABP-306723-20

At a meeting held on 04/02/2021, the Board considered the report of the Inspector and the documents and submissions on file generally.

Having regard to the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and the nature of the proposed development consisting of a 220kV GIS substation and associated works at Huntstown, North Road, Finglas, Dublin 11 as set out in the plans and particular received by An Bord Pleanála on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020, it is considered that the proposed development falls within the scope of section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and is therefore strategic infrastructure within the meaning of the Act. Accordingly, a planning application should be made directly to the Board.

**Board Member:** 

**Date:** 04/02/2021

Dave Walsh