

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 Dublin (Fingal County Council)

In accordance with Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) Huntstown Power Company Limited, gives notice of its intention to make an application for a 10 year permission/approval to An Bord Pleanála in relation to the proposed strategic infrastructure development at this site of c.4.33 ha on lands adjacent to Huntstown Power Station, North Road, Finglas, Dublin 11. The site is bounded to the north and east by agricultural fields, to the south by the private road connecting the North Road with Huntstown Power Station and Huntstown Quarry and to the west by Huntstown Power Station.

The underground transmission lines (4 no.) will connect the proposed 220 kV GIS Mooretown Substation serving the data hall development proposed under concurrent application (Reg. Ref. FW21A/0151) located on lands adjacent to Huntstown Power Station, North Road, Finglas, Dublin 11 with the 220 kV Finglas cable route located to the south of the site on the private road connecting the North Road with Huntstown Power Station and Huntstown Quarry, with the 220 kV Corduff cable route located to the west of the site and just north of the private road connecting the North Road with Huntstown Power Station and Huntstown Quarry and to the existing Huntstown 220 kV AIS station to the west via 220 kV cables to the Huntstown A and Huntstown B circuits. The four proposed transmission cables cover a distance of between c.125m and c.300m each between the proposed substation and the adjacent connection points.

The proposed development will consist of the following:

(1) Construction of a 2 storey 220 kV Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) substation known as 'Mooretown' comprising switchgear floor, cable pit/entry room, generator room, relay room, battery room, workshop, toilet, store room, mess room, hoist space, stair cores and circulation areas (c.2,068 sqm total gross floor area) with an overall height of c.17m located within an overall EirGrid and Customer compound (c.11,231 sqm in area). Lightning electrodes are attached to the roof of the substation building resulting in an overall height of c.20m. The compound includes 4 no. 220/20 kV transformers, 4 no. 20 kV switchgear buildings and 1 no. 20 kV control room buildings (c.5 m high and c. 35.5 sqm in area each), 220 kV series coil (equipment), fire walls (ranging from c.10 m-12.5 m high), lightning finials and monopoles (c.20 m high). The overall compound is surrounded by a c.2.6 m high palisade fence. The proposed substation will serve the data centre proposed under concurrent application Reg. Ref. FW21A/0151;

(2) The underground cable (Cable No. 1) will follow a route originating at the proposed Mooretown Substation extending south and then west along the private road connecting the North Road with Huntstown Power Station and Huntstown Quarry. The route terminates at a proposed joint bay on the existing Corduff cable route. The underground cable (Cable No. 2) will follow a route originating at the proposed Mooretown Substation Compound / series coil extending south across the internal road connecting the North Road with Huntstown Power Station and Huntstown Quarry. The route terminates at a proposed joint bay on the existing Finglas cable route. Removal of the redundant sections of the 220 kV Corduff cables and 220 kV Finglas cables serving the existing AIS bay to Huntstown Power Station. The underground cable (Cable No. 3) will follow a route originating at the Mooretown GIS Substation extending south and then west to the adjacent existing ESB Huntstown A AIS station. The route terminates in the ESB Huntstown A AIS Station. The underground cable (Cable No. 4) will follow a route originating at the Mooretown GIS Substation extending south and then west to the adjacent existing Huntstown B AIS station. The route terminates in the ESB Huntstown B AIS Station;

(3) The development includes all associated and ancillary site development and construction works, services provision, drainage works, connections to the substations, all internal road/footpath access routes, landscaping and boundary treatment works, vehicular access onto the private road to the south of the site and provision of 9 no. car parking spaces in the overall compound.

An Environmental Impact Assessment has been prepared and accompanies this application.

The planning application and Environmental Impact Assessment 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 7 October 2021 until 25 November 2021 at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.
- Fingal County Council, Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website: <https://www.mooretownsubstation.ie/>

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 5.30pm on the 25 November 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 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/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 An 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 Publications - Judicial Review Notice on the Board's website [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie) or on the Citizens Information Service website [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

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