

An Chomhairle Ealaíon / the Arts Council  
70 Merrion Square  
Dublin 2  
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23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

Dear Sir / Madam,

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ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION LINE CONNECTIONS AT TOWNLANDS OF  
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**Our Case Number:** ABP-310507-21

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**27 JAN 2022**

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39 Fitzwilliam Place  
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D02 ND61

**Date:** 26 January 2022

**Re:** Substation and associated grid connection  
Site at Tulla Road, Ennis, Co. Clare

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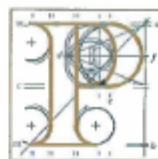
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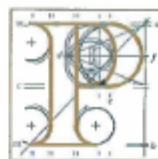
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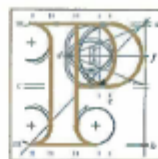
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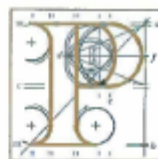
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39 Fitzwilliam Place  
Dublin 2  
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**Date:** 26 January 2022

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Site at Tulla Road, Ennis, Co. Clare

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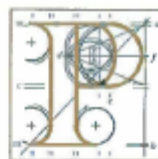
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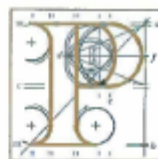
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An Bord Pleanála have advised that for the purposes of section 182(C)(4)(b) of the Act of 2000, as amended, having regard to the provisions of article 210(5) of Regulations 2001, as amended, that Transport Infrastructure Ireland, prescribed under article 213(1), is an appropriate body to be notified by the prospective applicant of the making of an application.

The proposed development primarily comprises the provision of a new 110 kV Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) grid substation, two 110 kV underground transmission cables connecting to existing 110 kV overhead lines to the north of the proposed substation, and two 110kV underground transmission cables connecting to the existing Ennis 110kV grid substation (located to the east of the M18 and to the north of the Tulla Road (R352)), along with associated and ancillary works.

The proposed development is located within the townlands of Tooreen, Cahernalough, Knockanean, Ballymacahill, Muckinish, and Rosslevan to the north east of Ennis, on the Tulla Road (R352), Co. Clare. The application site has a total area of c. 9.0 hectares.

The proposed development is described as follows:

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The proposed new 110 kV GIS grid substation is to be located on lands at Cahernalough, to the north east of Ennis, and to the north of the Tulla Road (R352). The proposed 110kV GIS grid substation is located to the north east of a proposed data centre development subject to a separate concurrent application to Clare County Council under Reg. Ref.: P21-757. An EPA-Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) licence will be applied for to facilitate the operation of the development proposed under Reg. Ref.: P21-757.

The proposed substation consists of two storey 110kV GIS grid substation building (with a gross floor area of 1,431 sq.m.) enclosed within a 2.6 metre high security fence; a single storey client control building (with a gross floor area of 467 sq.m), 2 No. 110kV hybrid GIS circuit breakers; 2 no. 110/10kV dual output step down transformers (separated by isolators and metering equipment), and 4 No. medium voltage output switch rooms for distribution to the site and connection to the onsite energy center generators (proposed under concurrent application Reg. Ref.: P21-757), all within a 2.6m high fenced compound.

Two existing overhead 110 kV transmission cables circuits traversing the site from south-west to north-east will be undergrounded via 2 no. dropdown. masts with two proposed 110kV underground transmission cables (within ducts) to connect the proposed dropdown masts with the proposed 110kV GIS grid substation. Each of the two new circuits will terminate in a cable – overhead line/cable (L/C) interface compound containing air-insulated electrical equipment mounted on concrete plinths. Adjacent to each L/C interface compound, an overhead line tower will be erected to facilitate connection of the new underground cables to the two existing 110 kV overhead lines. Each proposed dropdown mast will be c. 17 metres in height, set on concrete foundations. The obsolete sections of the two existing overhead 110kV lines from the proposed dropdown towers to the existing Ennis 110kV substation, including the supporting poles /masts will be removed / demolished.

Two proposed 110kV underground transmission cables (within ducts) will run from the proposed 110 kV GIS grid substation, connecting to the existing Ennis 110 kV Grid Substation via a route southwards along the proposed main campus internal road (proposed under concurrent application Reg. Ref.: P21-757), then turning west along the Tulla Road (R352) until they reach the existing Ennis 110kV grid substation.

The development includes enabling works and services diversions; adjacent access paths to serve the proposed transmission cables; joint bays; connections to the proposed and existing substations; landscaping; security fencing; lightning masts; provision of internal access arrangements within the substation compound; services, and all associated construction and ancillary works.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report and a Natura Impact Statement have been prepared and submitted in respect of this application.

The planning application and the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and the Natura Impact Statement 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 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2022** at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 (or online at [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie)).
- Clare County Council, Aras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, County Clare.

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website: <http://sid.artdatacentres.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 18<sup>th</sup> of August 2022**. 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](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 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](http://www.pleanala.ie) or on the Citizens Information Service website [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie).

A copy of the application is enclosed for your information.

Appendix 1 of this letter of notification is a copy of the notification from An Bord Pleanála that the proposed development constitutes a strategic infrastructure development.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



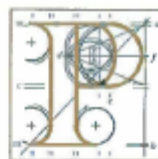
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**John Spain Associates**

**APPENDIX 1: ABP DETERMINATION THAT THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT  
CONSTITUTES STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Our Case Number:** ABP-310507-21

**Your Reference:** Art Data Centres Limited



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**27 JAN 2022**

John Spain Associates  
39 Fitzwilliam Place  
Dublin 2  
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**Date:** 26 January 2022

**Re:** Substation and associated grid connection  
Site at Tulla Road, Ennis, Co. Clare

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.

Attached is a list of prescribed bodies to be notified of the application for the proposed development.

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.

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.

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.

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