



An Bord Pleanála  
64 Marlborough Street  
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Dublin 1  
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Our Ref: 210732  
Your Ref:

29<sup>th</sup> of July 2022

**Re: Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended - Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála for a Proposed Development in the townlands of Cummeennabuddoge (Co. Kerry) and Caherdowney (Co. Cork)**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of our client, Knocknamork Ltd. please find enclosed a copy of a planning application for development which forms part of grid connection and access arrangements which will facilitate the permitted Knocknamork Renewable Energy Development, Cork County Council Ref. No. 19/4972. Concurrent planning applications in relation to the overall grid connection and access arrangements have been lodged with Cork County Council and Kerry County Council.

This application is being made directly to An Bord Pleanála as 'Strategic Infrastructure Development' (SID) under the provisions of Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. This position was confirmed by An Bord Pleanála in correspondence to the applicant dated 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022 following pre-application consultations with the Board (ABP-312249-21 a copy of the noted correspondence is enclosed with this letter for completeness).

The development will consist of the following:

- i. 110 kV electrical substation with 2 no. control buildings with welfare facilities, all associated electrical plant and apparatus, security fencing, underground cabling, waste water holding tank and all ancillary works;
- ii. Underground electrical cabling (110kV);
- iii. New access roads;
- iv. Borrow pit;
- v. Site Drainage;
- vi. Forestry Felling; and
- vii. All associated site development works and apparatus.

An extended planning permission duration to align with the permitted Knocknamork Renewable Energy Development, Cork County Council Ref. No. 19/4972 is sought.

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



As the project requires an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) the application has been notified to the EIA Portal. The EIA Portal ID is 2022137 and that the project details have been uploaded to the EIA Portal.

The following documents are included in the application pack:

- Planning Application Documentation
  - Planning Application Form
  - Site Notice
  - Newspaper Notices - The Irish Examiner, The Cork Echo and Kerry's Eye
  - EIA Portal Confirmation (ID: 2022137)
  - Copy of Notification Letters issued to Prescribed Bodies
- Planning Application Drawings (Drawing Schedule included with Application Form)
- Red Line Boundary in DWG format
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)
  - Volume 1 – Non-Technical Summary (NTS) and Main Report
  - Volume 2 - EIAR Appendices
- Natura Impact Statement (NIS)

2no. hard copies and 8no. electronic copies of the planning application pack as outlined above are enclosed with this letter. Cork and Kerry County Council have been furnished with a copy of the application pack. The application will be available for inspection at the offices of both Cork and Kerry County Council at their offices for a period of seven weeks commencing on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August 2022.

All prescribed bodies set out in the Board's formal opinion issued in respect of the Section 182 consultations have been furnished with a copy of the planning application pack.

All documentation (aside from confidential material of the EIAR, as noted above) associated with the application as lodged can also be found at the dedicated project website: [www.KnocknamorkSID.com](http://www.KnocknamorkSID.com)

All planning drawings are provided at scales which have previously been agreed with An Bord Pleanála.

Payment of the required fee of €100,000 have been paid to An Bord Pleanála on the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022 with the following details:

- Senders name – Knocknamork Limited
- Senders Reference – An Bord Pleanála
- Payment Reference – 34503735

I trust that the Board now have all the information required to progress the application. If, however, there is anything further or you have any query on any matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



**Meabhann Crowe, MRTPI**

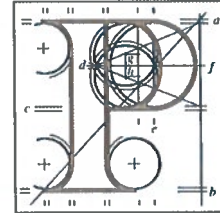
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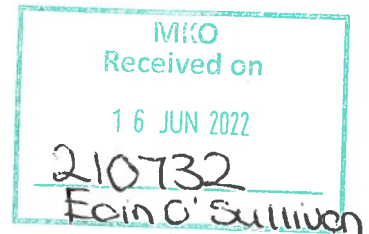
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**Date:** 15th June 2022

**Re:** Development of a 110kV substation and provision of electrical connection to the national grid.  
Ballyvourney, Co. Cork

Dear 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.

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.

Please note as only one pre application meeting took place, a fee refund in the amount of €3,500 will follow under separate cover.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

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Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,



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### **ABP-312249-21 List of Prescribed Bodies**

- Cork County Council
- Kerry County Council
- Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government
- Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- Commission for Regulation of Utilities, Water and Energy
- Irish Water
- The Heritage Council
- An Taisce
- An Chomhairle Ealaíon
- Fáilte Ireland
- Inland Fisheries Ireland