

Mr. Michael McCormack, Transport Infrastructure Ireland Planning Department, Parkgate Business Centre, Parkgate Street, Dublin 8

**Our Ref:** 210732 SID **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. The Proposed Development required the preparation of 3 no. planning applications to Cork County Council, Kerry County Council and An Bord Pleanála. Following engagement with An Bord Pleanála under section 182 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, we have been requested to issue you a copy of the planning application.

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
  - o Newspaper Notices The Irish Examiner, The Cork Echo and The Kerry Eye
  - EIA Portal Confirmation (ID: 2022137)
- > 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)

An electronic copy of the planning application pack as outlined above is enclosed with this letter. An Bord Pleanála, Cork County Council and Kerry County Council have received a copy of the application pack. The application will be available for inspection at the offices of An Bord Pleanála, Cork County Council and Kerry County Council at their offices for a period of seven weeks commencing on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August 2022.

All documentation associated with the application as lodged can also be found at the dedicated project website: <a href="https://www.KnocknamorkSID.com">www.KnocknamorkSID.com</a>

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 effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of  $\notin$ 50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board not later than 5.30 p.m. on the 26th of September 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, consideration and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, 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 (refer to 'A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development' at 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 the foregoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or

(b) Refuse to grant the permission

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 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 by S.I. No. 691 of 2011), 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 Boards website (www.pleanala.ie) under the following heading: Legal Notices – Judicial Review Notice. This information is also available on the Citizens Information Service website <u>www.citizensinformation.ie</u>

Yours sincerely,

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