

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 Wicklow (Wicklow County Council)

In accordance with Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) Crag Wicklow Limited, gives notice of its intention to make an application for permission/approval to An Bord Pleanála in relation to the proposed development described below.

The proposed development primarily comprises the provision of a new 110 kV substation with Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) technology and two 110 kV underground transmission cables (connecting to existing 220 kV overhead lines to the northwest of the proposed substation) along with associated and ancillary works. The proposed development is located within the townlands of Bogland, Kish, Cooladangan, Ballintombay, Ballyroonaun, and Ballynattin, Co. Wicklow. The site of the proposed development has an area of c. 8.68 hectares.

The proposed 110kV GIS Substation is to be located on lands to the northwest of the ICT facility development permitted under Wicklow County Council Reg. Ref.: 20/1088, within an overall landholding bound to the south / southwest by the existing Kish Business Park, to the southeast by dwellings and Kish Road, to the west by the Dublin-Rosslare railway line (beyond which is the R772 and the M11), and to the east and north by agricultural lands.

The development is described as follows:

The proposed substation compound is subdivided into two parts. The southern part of the compound will accommodate and a two storey 110kV GIS substation building (with a gross floor area of c. 1,299 sq.m). The northern part of the compound will accommodate four transformers, a single storey client control building (with a gross floor area of c. 419 sq.m) and associated underground services. Both parts of the substation compound are enclosed within c. 2.4 metre high security fencing.

The proposed dropdown 110kV transmission lines will connect the proposed 110kV GIS substation building to existing 110kV overhead transmission lines to the northwest of the proposed substation (the Arklow Banoge 110kV overhead line) and will comprise the provision of two dropdown masts (c. 17 metres in height) and associated overhead transmission line connections, transitioning to underground transmission lines set within ducts, that will subsequently progress into the 110kV GIS substation building.

The proposed 110kV underground transmission lines will primarily run through undeveloped lands, agricultural lands, and via public roads between the proposed 110kV GIS substation and existing Arklow – Banoge overhead lines to the northwest of the site.

The proposed 110kV underground transmission lines form a loop that will be divided into two circuits, Circuits A and B. Proposed Circuit A proceeds from the site of the proposed 110kV GIS substation westwards, crossing the nearby railway line, then proceeds south-west along the R772 to cross the Moneylane Stream and crosses underneath the M11 motorway at Junction 21, then proceeds along the L6187, enters agricultural lands adjacent to Knockeneahan Road, and terminates at the existing 110 kV Arklow – Banoge overhead line. Proposed Circuit B proceeds from the site of the proposed 110kV GIS substation westwards, crossing the nearby railway line, the Moneylane Stream, the R772, and the M11, then traverses lands within the Arklow IDA Business Park, and open agricultural lands adjacent to the M11 and Knockeneahan Road (L2190) and terminates at the existing 110 kV Arklow – Banoge overhead line.

The development includes adjacent access paths, connections to the substation and to the overhead lines, removal of redundant overhead lines, landscaping and landscape screening to the proposed GIS substation compound, security fencing, provision of internal access roads and car parking (9 no. spaces) within the substation compound, services, all associated construction works, and all ancillary works.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been prepared in respect of this application.

The planning application and the Environmental Impact Assessment Report 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 1st of December 2022** at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.
- Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Whitegates, Wicklow Town, A67 FW96.

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website: www.oaklandssid.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 in writing or online at www.pleanala.ie not later than 5.30 p.m. on the **30th of January 2023**. 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).


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 or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie.

Signed: 

(John Spain Associates - Agent)

Date of Erection of Site Notice: **24th November 2022**