

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000, AS AMENDED

Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála for Approval in Respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID)

(Electricity Transmission Development)

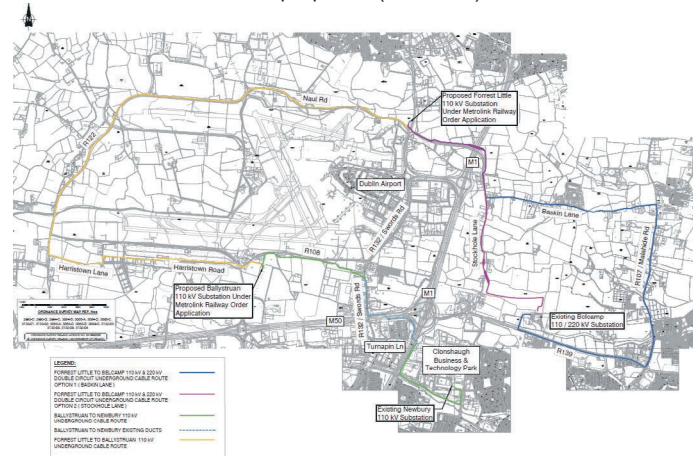
Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council

In accordance with Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Electricity Supply Board (ESB), gives notice that it proposes to seek the approval of An Bord Pleanála in relation to the proposed development of up to approximately 24 kilometres (km) of underground cable (UGC) at various locations in North Dublin between Forrest Little, Belcamp, Clonshaugh and Harristown, County Dublin. The primary purpose of the proposed UGCs is to provide electrical power to the proposed MetroLink project (ABP Case reference: NA29N.314724).

The proposed development crosses both the Fingal County Council, and Dublin City Council administrative areas. The proposed cable routes are located in north County Dublin, crossing 35 townlands in the parishes of Coolock, Santry, St. Margaret's, Cloghran, Kinsaley, Balgriffin and Swords as shown on the map.

The proposed development consists of the following elements:

- Installation of three new 110 kV UGC circuits as outlined below and as shown in the map:
 - The proposed (MetroLink) Forrest Little 110 kV substation – Belcamp 110 kV substation (Option 1) – **shown in blue** - approximately 9km or (Option 2) – **shown in pink** - approximately 4km.
 - The proposed (MetroLink) Ballystruan 110 kV substation - Newbury 110 kV substation - **shown in green and existing ducts in light blue** approximately 5km.
 - The proposed (MetroLink) Ballystruan 110 kV substation – the proposed (MetroLink) Forrest Little 110 kV substation - approximately 10km – **shown in orange**.



The UGC will incorporate the following elements:

- Communication links and fibre optic cables between all substations in the same trench as the UGC;
- Joint bays, communication chambers and link boxes along the UGC alignment (approx. every 850m);
- Temporary construction laydown and work areas with ancillary staff facilities and parking, temporary access tracks, passing bays and water and utility crossings;
- All associated and ancillary above and below ground site development works, including works comprising or relating to permanent and temporary construction and roadworks and excavation (including HDD) and vegetation clearance.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development. A copy of the application, including the EIAR and NIS, 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 17th August 2023 at the following locations:

- An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin, D01 V902.
- Dublin City Council, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8, D08 RF3F.
- Fingal County Council, Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co Dublin, K67 X8Y2.

The application may also be viewed / downloaded on the following website www.esbmetroundergroundcables.ie.

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála ('the Board') 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin, D01 V902 during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks relating to:

- i. the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development;
- ii. the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development; and
- iii. the likely adverse effects on the integrity of a European site, if carried out.

Any submission / observation must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board no later than 5.30p.m. on the 5th October 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.

Any submissions / 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" at www.pleanala.ie).

The Board may in respect of an application for approval decide to –

- i. approve the proposed development, or
- ii. make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and approve the proposed development as so modified, or
- iii. approve, in part only, the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind), or
- iv. refuse to approve the proposed development.

and may attach to an approval under paragraph (i), (ii) or (iii) such conditions as it considers appropriate.

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 on the Board's website (www.pleanala.ie) under the heading 'Judicial Review Notice'. This information is also available on the Citizens Information Service website at www.citizensinformation.ie.