

Ref: 23606

17th November 2023

Planning Department
Clare County Council
Áras Contae an Chláir
New Road
Ennis
Co. Clare
V95 DXP2

Re: Planning Application for Strategic Infrastructure Development under Section 182A of the Planning and development Act (As Amended)

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of our client FuturEnergy Carrownagowan DAC (applicant) please find enclosed a planning application for the construction of a 110kV underground grid connection cable connecting the permitted Carrownagowan wind farm (ABP-308799-20) to the existing 110kV substation at Ardnacrusha. The grid connection was not applied for as part of the recently granted Carrownagowan Wind Farm planning application.

The planning application follows from the pre-application consultation with An Bord Pleanála (ABP-314127-22) regarding whether or not the proposed 110kV grid connection constitutes strategic infrastructure development, as defined in the Planning and Development Act (as amended). Having considered the proposal, An Bord Pleanála determined that the proposed development falls within the scope of section 182A of the Act, and that a planning application should be made directly to the board. A copy of the determination is enclosed with this application.

The Applicant is therefore applying to the Board under Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the following:

- A circa 25km long 110kV underground cable connection within the public road network from the permitted Carrownagowan Wind Farm substation to the existing ESB owned 110kV substation at Ardnacrusha, County Clare, which will allow the electrical energy generated from the wind farm to be exported onto the national grid;
- (9) no. watercourse crossings, (8) no. by means of Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) which will require a service trench (launch pit) for the drill in the road either side of the watercourse; and (1) no. of the watercourse crossings will be completed by means of over-bridge in road solution; and
- 35 no. joint bays and communication chambers along the route

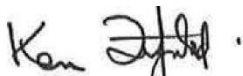
An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) has been prepared and accompanies this application.

The application includes the following:

- 1) Completed Application Form
- 2) Landowner consent letters + Statutory Undertaker confirmation
- 3) Schedule of planning application drawings
- 4) Planning application drawings
- 5) Newspaper notice (Irish independent – Dated 17th November 2023)
- 6) Newspaper notice (Clare champion – Dated 17th November 2023)
- 7) Copy of site Notice
- 8) Copy of pre-application Determination
- 9) Schedule of Prescribed bodies to whom notification of the application has been sent
- 10) Sample copy of the notification to the prescribed bodies
- 11) Copy of the confirmation notice to the EIA Portal
- 12) Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR):
- 13) Planning Report
- 14) 8nr Memory sticks with a copy of all application documents
- 15) Confirmation of payment of Application fee of €100,000

Should you have any queries in relation to the enclosed please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,



Ken Fitzgerald, Associate Director
for and on behalf of MWP