

Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended)

Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála

in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development

County Clare

In accordance with Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, Futureenergy Carrownagowan DAC gives notice of its intention to make an application for permission to An Bord Pleanála in relation to the following proposed development in the townlands of Caherhurly, Killokennedy, Cloongaheen West, Cloongaheen East, Kilbane, Killeagy (Goonan), Ballymoloney, Cloonygonry Beg, Ballyquin Beg, Ballyquin Mor, Springmount, Leitrim, Fahy More (South), Aharinaghmore, Ballybrack, Tooreen, Aharinaghbeg, Cloghera, Trough, Knockdonagh, Roo West, Lakyle, Glenlon South, Castlebank, Ballykeelaun.

The proposed development for which permission under Section 182A is being sought will consist of the following:

- A circa 25km long 110kV underground cable connection from the permitted Carrownagowan Wind Farm substation (ABP-308799-20) to the existing ESB owned 110kV substation at Ardnacrusa, County Clare, which will allow the electrical energy generated from the wind farm to be exported onto the national grid and all other site development works, including;
- (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 in respect of the proposed development and accompanies this application.

The planning application and EIAR 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 a copy) during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing on **Monday 20th of November 2023** at the following locations:

- The offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1
- The offices of Clare County Council, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following stand-alone website:

www.carrownagowangridplanning.ie

Submissions or observations may be made to An Bord Pleanála (The Board) 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 or adverse effect on any European site, if the development is 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 not later than 5.30pm on **Friday the 19th of January 2024**.

Such submission or observation shall state:

- The name of the person making the submission or observations, the name of the person acting on their 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 it is based in full. (Article 217 of the Planning and 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 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 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.

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) 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 or on the Citizens Information Services website www.citizensinformation.ie

SIGNED: Ken Fitzgerald

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DATE OF ERECTION OF SITE NOTICE: Friday November 17th 2023