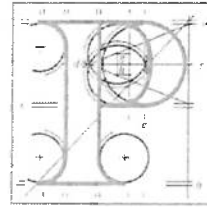


Our Case Number: ABP-319023-24

Your Reference: Bord na Móna Powergen Ltd



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Gravis Planning
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Date: 21 June 2024

Re: Combined Cycle Gas Turbine and Open Cycle Gas Turbine Thermal Power Plant, Electricity Grid Connection including 2 no. substations, and associated buildings, plant, site works, service and ancillary development on land within the townlands Knockdrin, Derrygreenagh, Derryarkin, Derryiron, Ballybeg, Coolcor, Barrysbrook, Clonin, Togher and Coole, Co. Offaly. (www.derrygreenaghpowerplanning.ie)

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your response to the EPA submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

The Board will revert to you in due course in respect of this matter.

Please be advised that copies of all submissions / observations received in relation to the application will be made available for public inspection at the offices of the local authority and at the offices of An Bord Pleanála when they have been processed by the Board.

More detailed information in relation to strategic infrastructure development can be viewed on the Board's website: www.pleanala.ie.

If you have any queries in the meantime please contact the undersigned officer of the Board. Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

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ABP Reference: ABP-319023-24

Dear Sir / Madam,

RE: Response to EPA Submission

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On behalf of the Applicant, Bord na Móna Powergen Limited¹, we wish to respond to the submission made by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA, or the Agency) to this application by email dated 16th May 2024, as notified by your letter dated 24 May 2024 (copy attached).

We note the comments of the EPA regarding licensing requirements for the Proposed Development. Bord na Móna Powergen Limited (BnMPL) have entered into pre-application discussions with the EPA Licencing team in relation to the currently licenced activities (under IPC licence reference P0501-01) and the proposed development. BnMPL will be applying to the EPA for a new industrial emissions licence (IEL) for proposed development for the licensable activity Class 2.1 Combustion of fuels in installations with a total rated thermal input of 50MW or more. A technical amendment of the existing Integrated Pollution Control (IPC) Licence (P0501-01) will be submitted to the EPA for the removal of the site footprint for the proposed development from the current IPC licence boundary.

The new IEL application for the proposed development will be in adherence to the relevant EPA licencing guidelines and EPA (Industrial Emissions) (Licensing) Regulations 2013. This includes for matters raised by the EPA in their submission regarding Section 87 of the EPA Act consultation on the

¹ c/o Bord na Móna, Main Street, Newbridge, Co. Kildare

proposed development EIAR and consideration of Best Available Techniques that apply to the proposed development.

BnMPL is aware that the EPA cannot issue a proposed determination of a licence application until the proposed development's planning decision has been made.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned in the event of any queries.

Yours sincerely,



Sean Breslin

Senior Consultant

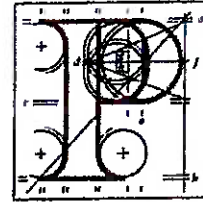
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EPA Submission – notified by letter dated 24 May 2024

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Enclosed for your information is a copy of submission(s) received by the Board in relation to the above mentioned proposed development.

The Board hereby considers it appropriate to invite you to make a submission on the observations received in relation to the application. Please be advised that any response to the Board's invitation should not contain any additional reports or supplementary reports and should be confined to the issues raised in the observations received by the Board. Any submission in relation to the above must be received by the Board within 4 weeks from the date of this letter (i.e. not later than Friday 21st June 2024)

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to your attached correspondence received by the Agency on 24 April 2024 in relation to the strategic infrastructure development (SID) application and Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) for the above referenced development. The Agency makes the below observations.

The boundary of the proposed development appears to overlap with the licence boundary for EPA licence Register P0501-01. Bord na Móna Energy Limited was issued an Integrated Pollution Control (IPC) Licence (P0501-01) on 26 April 2000 for Class 1.4 *The extraction of peat in the course of business which involves an area exceeding 50 hectares* at Derrygreenagh Group, c/o Derrygreenagh Works, Rochfortbridge, Mullingar, Westmeath. The development proposed is a licensable activity under Class 2.1 *Combustion of fuels in installations with a total rated thermal input of 50 MW or of the EPA Act*. The licence P0501-01 may need to be reviewed or amended to accommodate the changes proposed in the SID application.

Details of the licence application (P0501-01), licence and any amendments made to the licence may be viewed on the Agency's website www.epa.ie.

It is noted that the SID application was accompanied by an EIAR. As part of its consideration of any licence application/review application that may be received which addresses the changes proposed, the Agency shall ensure that before a licence/revised licence is granted, the licence application will be made subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment as respects the matters that come within the functions of the Agency and in accordance with Section 83(2A) and Section 87(1G)(a) of the EPA Act. In addition, consultation on the licence application and EIAR will be carried out in accordance with Section 87 (1B) to (1H) of the EPA Act as appropriate. Please also note that you will be requested to provide the documentation relating to the EIA you have carried out to the Agency under Section 173A(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended.

Should a licence application/ review application be received by the Agency, all matters to do with emissions to the environment from the activities proposed, the licence application documentation and EIAR will be considered and assessed by the Agency.

Where the Agency is of the opinion that the activities, as proposed, cannot be carried on, or cannot be effectively regulated under a licence then the Agency cannot grant a licence for such an activity. Should the Agency decide to grant a licence in respect of the activity, as proposed, it will incorporate conditions that will ensure that appropriate National and EU standards are applied, and that Best Available Techniques (BAT) will be used in the carrying on of the activities.

Finally, please note that in accordance with Section 87(1D)(d) of the EPA Act, the Agency cannot issue a Proposed Determination on a licence application which addresses the development above until a planning decision has been made.

For all further queries and correspondence relating to planning matters, please contact eiaplanning@epa.ie

Yours faithfully,

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