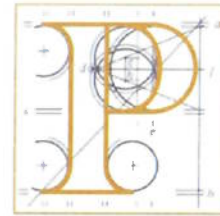


Our Case Number: ABP-319023-24



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Offaly County Council
Áras an Chontae
Charleville Road
Tullamore
Co. Offaly

Date: 24 May 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,


Enclosed for your information are two copies of submission(s) received by the Board in relation to the above-mentioned proposed development.

Please ensure that a copy of this submission is available for public inspection at the offices of the planning authority.

If you have any queries in relation to this 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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