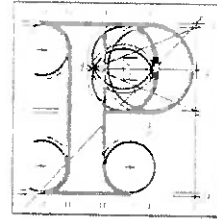


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Commission for Regulation of Utilities, Water & Energy  
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**Date:** 08 April 2024

**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.derrygreenaghpwrplanning.ie](http://www.derrygreenaghpwrplanning.ie))

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your 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](http://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,

Ellen Moss  
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Good afternoon,

I wish to submit the attached observations on behalf of Director John Melvin and the Commission for Regulation of Utilities for An Bord Pleanála Case: PA19.319023 regarding the proposed development at Derrygreenagh by Bord na Móna of Combined Cycle Gas Turbine and Open Cycle Gas Turbine Thermal Power Plant, Electricity Grid Connection including 2 substations, and associated buildings, plant, site works, service and ancillary development. [319023 | An Bord Pleanála \(pleanala.ie\)](#)

Could you please confirm receipt of this submission at your earliest convenience?

Kind regards,  
Paul Corcoran



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*Sheol mé an r-phost seo ar am a bhí oiriúnach dom féin. Nílím ag súil go bhfreagróidh tú ar an r-phost seo taobh amuigh de d'uireanta oibre féin.*

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Seoladh an t-eolas seo chuig duine/cagraíocht ar leith agus ní ceart go mbeidh an t-eolas seo ag éinne eile. B'fhéidir go mbeidh ábhar príobháideach, faoi phribhléid nó íogair ó thaobh na tráchtála de i gceist. Tá dianchosc ar scaipeadh an eolais seo, agus má bhaineann duine (seachas an té a bhí ceaptha é a fháil) úsáid as ar bhealach ar bith, ba ghníomh in aghaidh an dlí é sin. Ní ghlacann an CRF le freagracht ar bith a thagann as úsáid mhídhleathach an eolais seo. Níl an CRF freagrach as tarchur cuí agus iomlán an eolais atá sa teachtaireacht seo, ná as aon mhoill a tharlaíonn leis. Má fuair tú an teachtaireacht seo de bhotún, le do thoil déan teagmháil leis an seoltóir agus scríos an t-ábhar go léir as aon ríomhaire.



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02 April 2024

**RE: Proposed development at Derrygreenagh by Bord na Móna of Combined Cycle Gas Turbine and Open Cycle Gas Turbine Thermal Power Plant, Electricity Grid Connection including 2 substations, and associated buildings, plant, site works, service and ancillary development.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to the above referenced planning case. In accordance with Section 9 of the Electricity Regulation Act<sup>1</sup>, the commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU) wishes to submit the following observations related to electricity security of supply.

The proposed thermal power plant consists of a Combined Cycle Gas Turbine and an Open Cycle Gas Turbine with a total capacity of 710MW, and the proposed grid connection.

On 28 September 2021, the CRU published an Information Paper: Security of Electricity Supply – Programme of Actions<sup>2</sup>. This programme of actions is being implemented in response to the security of supply concerns as a result of the projected shortfall in generation capacity to meet future demand and to mitigate against such a shortfall. The Security of Supply Programme of Actions was further emphasized in the Government’s Energy Security in Ireland to 2030 Package<sup>3</sup>, published in November 2023, which commits to its implementation.

The Derrygreenagh project is in line with Action 1 of the Programme of Actions which seeks to deliver at least 2000MW of additional flexible gas-fired generation capacity by 2030 at the latest and states that: “Investment of this type, and at this scale, is critical to ensuring a secure transition and reaching our ambitious 2030 targets.”

The project is also in line with the Government policy on security of electricity supply<sup>4</sup> which states: “The development of new conventional generation (including

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<sup>1</sup> Section 9 of the Electricity Regulation Act 1999 sets out the CRU’s functions including the requirement to promote the continuity, security and quality of supplies of electricity.

<sup>2</sup> Security of Electricity Supply Programme of Actions

<sup>3</sup> Energy Security in Ireland to 2030

<sup>4</sup> Policy Statement on Security of Electricity Supply



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gas-fired and gasoil/distillate-fired generation) is a national priority and should be permitted and supported in order to ensure security of electricity supply and support the growth of renewable electricity generation.”

The draft Climate Action Plan 2024<sup>5</sup>, published by DECC in December 2023, includes the installation of at least 2 GW of new flexible gas-fired generation as part of its 2030 Key Performance Indicators for accelerating flexibility. This target was also included in CAP21 and CAP23 and the Derrygreenagh Project is in line with this.

Your sincerely,

John Melvin  
Director – Security of Supply and Wholesale  
(Sent by email – no signature required)

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<sup>5</sup> CAP24