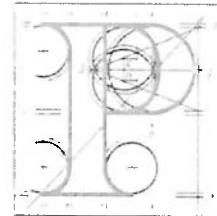


Our Case Number: ABP-319023-24



An
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Development Applications Unit
The Manager
Government Offices
Newtown Road
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Co. Wexford
Y35 AP90

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.derrygreenaghpowerplanning.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.

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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Ellen Moss

From: LAPS
Sent: Friday 5 April 2024 13:06
To: SIDS
Subject: FW: Your Ref: ABP-319023-24 Our Ref: SID-OY-2024-006
Attachments: ABP-319023-24.pdf

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From: Housing Manager DAU <Manager.DAU@npws.gov.ie>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 12:46 PM
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A Chara,

Attached please find the archaeological observations/recommendations of the Department in relation to the aforementioned Strategic Infrastructure Development Planning Application.

Can you please confirm receipt of same?

Kind Regards,
Sinéad

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Sinéad O' Brien
Executive Officer

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**An Roinn Tithíochta,
Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta**
Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage



Your Ref: ABP-319023-24
Our Ref: **SID-OY-2024-006**
(Please quote in all related correspondence)

5 April 2024

The Secretary
An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
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Via email to laps@pleanala.ie

Re: Notification under the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

Proposed Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID): Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (570MW) and an Open Cycle Gas Turbine (140MW) Thermal Power Plant and electricity grid connection including 2 no substations and associated infrastructure on land within the townlands of Knockdrin, Derrygreenagh, Derryarkin, Derryiron, Ballybeg, Coolcor, Barrybrook, Clonin, Togher and Coole, County Offaly.

A Chara

I refer to correspondence received in connection with the above.

Outlined below are archaeological observations/recommendations of the Department.

It is noted that the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) submitted as part of the planning application includes a desk-based Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) which was carried out in relation to the proposed development by AECOM (EIAR Chapter 8; date January 2024). This assessment incorporates the results of archaeological monitoring of geotechnical investigations (Licence No 23E0352) and an archaeological field survey of proposed Peat Deposition Areas in the townlands of Barrybrooke and Derrygreenagh. The Department has reviewed the EIAR and is broadly in agreement with the findings in relation to Archaeology and Cultural Heritage as set out therein.

Therefore, the Department advises that the following should be included as a condition of any grant of permission. Note these recommended conditions align with Sample Conditions C3, C5 and C6 as set out in *OPR Practice Note PN03: Planning Conditions* (October 2022), with appropriate site-specific additions/adaptations based on the particular characteristics of this development and informed by the findings of the EIAR.



Archaeological Requirements:

1. All mitigation measures in relation to archaeology and cultural heritage as set out in Chapter 8 of the EIAR (AECOM; date January 2024) shall be implemented in full, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the conditions of this Order.
2. The developer shall engage a suitably qualified archaeologist (licensed under the National Monuments Acts) to carry out pre-development archaeological testing in areas of proposed ground disturbance and to submit an Archaeological Impact Assessment Report for the written agreement of the Planning Authority, following consultation with the Department, in advance of any site preparation works or groundworks, including site investigation works/topsoil stripping/site clearance and/or construction works.
 - a. The report shall include an Archaeological Impact Statement and Mitigation Strategy. Where archaeological material is shown to be present, avoidance, preservation in-situ, preservation by record (archaeological excavation) and/or monitoring may be required.
 - b. Any further archaeological mitigation requirements specified by the Planning Authority, following consultation with the Department, shall be complied with by the developer.
 - c. No site preparation and/or construction works shall be carried out on site until the archaeologist's report has been submitted to and approval to proceed is agreed in writing with the Planning Authority.
3. The Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) shall include the location of any and all archaeological or cultural heritage constraints relevant to the proposed development as set out in Chapter 8 of the EIAR (AECOM; date January 2024) and by any subsequent archaeological investigations associated with the project. The CEMP shall clearly describe all identified likely archaeological impacts, both direct and indirect, and all mitigation measures to be employed to protect the archaeological or cultural heritage environment during all phases of site preparation and construction activity.
4. The Planning Authority and the Department shall be furnished with a final archaeological report describing the results of all archaeological monitoring and any archaeological investigative work/excavation required, following the completion of all archaeological work on site and any necessary post-excavation specialist analysis. All resulting and associated archaeological costs shall be borne by the developer.

Reason:

To ensure the continued preservation (either *in situ* or by record) of places, caves, sites, features or other objects of archaeological interest.



You are requested to send any further communications to this Department's Development Applications Unit (DAU) at manager.dau@npws.gov.ie, or to the following address:

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Julie Sullivan", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Julie Sullivan
Assistant Principal
Development Applications Unit
Administration