

28th March 2024

An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street,
Rotunda,
Dublin 1
D01 V902

Re: Strategic Infrastructure Development.

Planning Application for the development of the East Meath - North Dublin Grid Upgrade Project.

Pre-Application Consultation Reference: ABP-317599-23

Dear Sir/Madam,

Enclosed, please find two hard copies and eight soft copies of a planning application by EirGrid plc, Block 2, The Oval, 160 Shelbourne Road, Dublin 4 under section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended for the development of the East Meath – North Dublin Grid Upgrade Project.

The Proposed Development comprises approximately 37.5 kilometres of new 400kV underground cable between the existing Woodland Substation, Batterstown, County Meath and the existing Belcamp Substation, Clonshaugh, Fingal, County Dublin. The Proposed Development includes works at both substations to facilitate the connection of the underground cable to the electrical grid.

A complete detailed description of the Proposed Development is set out in the documentation accompanying the application including the public notices, the planning report and Environmental Impact Assessment Report.

The application submission comprises the following:

1. Application Cover Letter (this letter)
2. SID Application Form, signed and dated and supporting Statutory Particulars Document:
 - a. Newspaper Notices, as published within the Meath Chronicle on 26th March and the Northside People on 27th March 2024;
 - b. Site Notices as erected at 4 no locations;
 - c. A shapefile of the planning application boundary;
 - d. A Schedule of Prescribed Bodies to whom a copy of the application has been sent
 - e. A copy of the Letter to Prescribed Bodies, with regard to (d) above;

3. Planning Report
4. Planning Application Drawings
5. Environmental Impact Assessment Report comprising:
 - a. Volume 1 – Non-Technical Summary;
 - b. Volume 2 – Main Report;
 - c. Volume 3 – Appendices;
 - d. Volume 4 – Figures; and
 - e. Volume 5 – Supporting Documentation;
6. Natura Impact Statement
7. AA Screening Report
8. EIA Screening Report

Public consultation in respect of this application will run for a seven-week period commencing on **5th April 2024**. In addition, a dedicated planning application website: <http://www.eirgrideastmeathnorthdublin.ie>, has been created.

In addition to the above, the following is also attached:

- 1 no. Copy of EFT verification for €100,000 application fee.

The USB drives are encrypted with the following password: Cp1021EMND#2024 to access the files this password will need to be used when prompted.

I trust that everything is in order however, if there are any issues, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah Kenny". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Leah Kenny - Senior Lead Planner
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