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RE: Case No. VA06F.319422 – Proposed East Meath – North Dublin Grid Upgrade

Dear Sir / Madam,

The National Transport Authority (the “NTA”) has reviewed the above-referenced Electricity Development Application, and based on the Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2022-2042 (the “Transport Strategy”), which is a consideration material to the proper planning and development of the Greater Dublin Area (GDA), submits the following observations.

A planning consent application was submitted by the NTA to An Bord Pleanála for the construction of the proposed Bus Connects Swords to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme in May 2023. This application is currently being considered by the Board under case reg. ref. no. HA06D.317121.

Given that the proposed grid upgrade project would cross the proposed core bus corridor at Cloghran Roundabout on the R132, the NTA welcomes the consideration given to the Core Bus Corridor Scheme as part of the submitted documentation.

On examination of this documentation, it is noted that the proposed timelines for the completion of the Core Bus Corridor Scheme and the grid upgrade project overlap and as such there is a potential that their respective construction phases could coincide. Furthermore, from a review of the technical drawings submitted, it is also noted that elements of the grid upgrade project have the potential to clash with elements of the works required for the Core Bus Corridor Scheme, if not coordinated effectively.

In this regard, it is requested that the applicant is conditioned to engage with the NTA as part of any grant of permission and that their detailed design and pre construction stages are coordinated with that of the Core Bus Corridor Scheme design to ensure that it does not prejudice the delivery of the Core Bus Corridor Scheme.

I trust that the views of the NTA will be taken into consideration.

Yours sincerely,


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