

## **APPENDIX I**

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## **APPENDIX I(i)**

Terms of Reference for Landowner Engagement





# Terms of Reference for Landowner Engagement

EirGrid is committed to providing an accessible, meaningful, and accountable consultation process.

With the publication of the Preliminary Re-Evaluation Report, EirGrid is now commencing public consultation, an important part of which is landowner consultation and engagement. This engagement will be carried out in accordance with EirGrid's Code of Practice in relation to Access to Land and/or Premises (see the accompanying letter from EirGrid).

EirGrid is seeking to engage with landowners with a view to ultimately identifying a final proposal that will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála for approval. Issues raised by landowners that relate to the project are important to EirGrid and will be documented and fed back to the project team for consideration.

This engagement process will have three phases:

## PHASE 1: INDICATIVE ROUTE

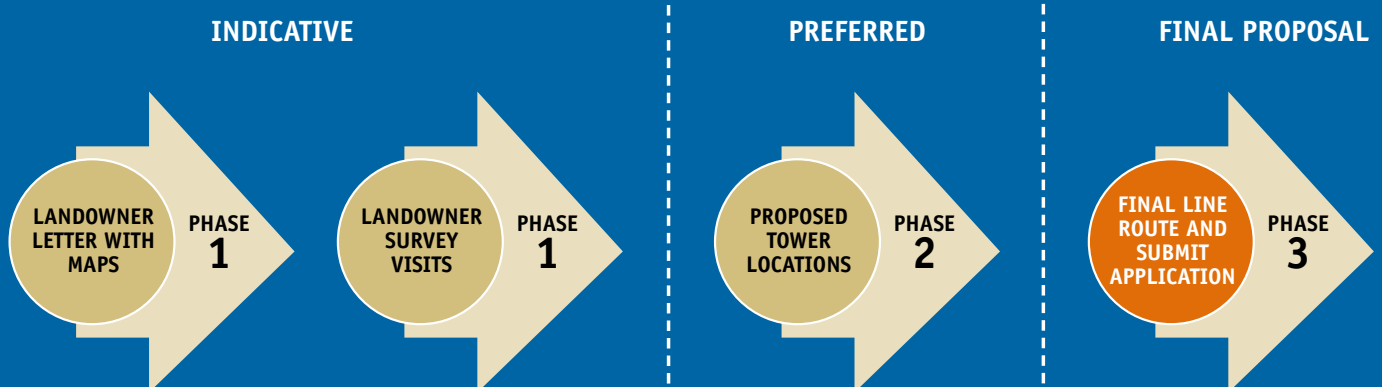
Phase 1 will be an opportunity to meet and discuss with landowners ownership of land, the line route and possible positioning of towers. It is also an opportunity to identify local constraints as well as any other issue the landowner may wish to raise, particularly those in relation to the Preliminary Re-evaluation Report.

## PHASE 2: PREFERRED LINE ROUTE

At the start of this phase landowners will receive updated maps of the preferred route and proposed tower locations. Landowners will then have an opportunity to comment on the tower locations and to participate further in the consultation process.

## PHASE 3: FINAL PROPOSAL

In Phase 3 landowners will be informed of the final proposal that EirGrid is submitting to An Bord Pleanála for approval. Landowners will receive maps and information confirming the route and tower locations included in the application for approval as well as information on the statutory consultation phase.







## **APPENDIX I (ii)**

Phase 1 Landowner letter

Landowner map

Landowner checklist





Address 1  
Address 2  
Address 3  
Address 4.

LMC/LCT

Date:

Dear M.....

**Re: North-South Interconnection Development**

You may be aware as a result of recent national and local consultations, that significant development of the national electricity transmission system is being proposed. This development is being carried out by EirGrid plc ("EirGrid").

It is part of EirGrid's role to plan the system, and in doing so, it has identified the need for a new North-South 400kV Electricity Interconnector. EirGrid has been in the process of carrying out research into the most appropriate route corridor for this project following on from which an indicative route has been identified that would, if adopted, affect lands which appear to be in your ownership.

The approximate position of the indicative route is shown in red on the attached map.

Since this process involves a visit to you and may involve a survey of your land, an information note setting out EirGrid's Policy Towards Landowners for Access and Survey of Land has been attached to this letter. The information note also contains a short statement setting out the legal basis on which EirGrid was established, its duties and functions, and its rights with respect to entry onto land to carry out surveys in support of its functions. Please be assured, consistent with EirGrid's attached policy every effort will be made to ensure that any survey that may be required is carried out with the minimum of inconvenience or disturbance to you or your property.

Yours sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Company Secretary]

## **Information regarding EirGrid's functions, powers and survey policy**

### **Background to EirGrid plc**

EirGrid plc (hereinafter referred to as 'EirGrid') of The Oval, 160 Shelbourne Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 was established pursuant to Regulation 34 of the European Communities (Internal Market in Electricity) Regulations 2000 (S.I. No. 445/2000) and is the licensed Transmission System Operator for Ireland pursuant to Section 14 of the Electricity Regulation Act 1999. EirGrid is a state owned company.

EirGrid has the exclusive function to operate and ensure the maintenance of and, if necessary, develop a safe, secure, reliable, economical and efficient electricity transmission system with due regard for the environment. EirGrid is independent of the Electricity Supply Board.

The Electricity Supply Board (hereinafter referred to as the 'ESB') of 27 Lr Fitzwilliam St, Dublin 2, was constituted by the Electricity Supply Act, 1927. ESB is the licensed Transmission Asset Owner for Ireland pursuant to Section 14 of the Electricity Regulation Act 1999. In that role, ESB is responsible for building the transmission system. However, EirGrid will be responsible for making an application to An Bord Pleanála for planning approval.

### **Entering and Surveying Land**

In accordance with established practice, EirGrid shall attempt to seek entry onto lands, for the purpose of surveying the route of an electric line across such lands, by agreement with the owners of those lands.

In the event that entry onto lands, for the purpose of surveying the route of an electric line across such lands, is not forthcoming on a voluntary basis, then EirGrid may require entry, pursuant to Section 20(4) of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1927, as amended by Regulation 8 of S.I. 445/2000.

Whether entry onto lands, for the purpose of surveying the route of an electric line across such lands, is secured by way of agreement with the landowner or by exercising statutory powers, EirGrid shall ensure that "EirGrid Policy Towards Landowners for Access and Survey of Land" (Set out below) is adhered to.

### **EirGrid Policy Towards Landowners for Access and Survey of Land**

1. EirGrid will ensure that staff and representatives acting for EirGrid will be suitably qualified and briefed on their responsibilities before entering private lands (or premises) or dealing with owners.
2. EirGrid will take reasonable steps to identify and contact the owner of the land (or premises) before entering private lands (or premises). The owners of land (or premises) will be dealt with honestly and fairly.
3. EirGrid will, where practicable, inform the landowner of what survey work is proposed and, as far as possible, a timetable for its completion.
4. Queries from the owner of the land will be dealt with promptly and courteously.
5. EirGrid staff and representatives will only enter lands or premises for legitimate purposes related to its activities and duties.
6. EirGrid staff and representatives will take reasonable steps to ensure that land (or premises) is left in as good a state as when EirGrid staff or representatives arrived.
7. EirGrid staff and representatives will endeavour to ensure that restrictions on the use of the land (or premises) during the survey stage are minimised.
8. EirGrid staff and representatives shall ensure due care and attention is taken to minimise the risk of spreading disease to or from farmland.
9. EirGrid staff and representatives shall take particular care to close all gates behind them and not to damage fences or hedges.
10. In the event of queries from the owner of the land (or premises) for further information, contact details for EirGrid will be advised to allow for such queries to be dealt with.

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### **North-South 400 kV Interconnection Development**

Dear

I am writing to you on behalf of EirGrid plc ("EirGrid"), the electricity Transmission System Operator.

As you may be aware, EirGrid has been engaged for some time in planning for the construction of a new North-South Electricity Interconnector. EirGrid submitted a planning application for a proposed 400kV overhead line Interconnector in December 2009. Unfortunately that application had subsequently to be withdrawn and EirGrid intends to submit a new application later this year.

EirGrid is currently in the process of carrying out a thorough re-evaluation of the overall project. The preliminary findings of the re-evaluation are that the new planning application should be based on a 400kV overhead line and that the route of the overhead line should follow substantially the same route as that of the previous application. The re-evaluation process will now enter a period of public consultation.

In the meantime EirGrid has instructed us to commence consultation with the landowners along the indicative line route that is emerging from the re-evaluation process. As I understand that you are one of these landowners, I enclose with this letter –

- a letter from EirGrid formally notifying you of the proposed development, which includes a map or map(s) showing the current indicative line route through your lands and
- a community update brochure for this project.

The map (or maps) show the indicative line route (in red) but do not indicate structure locations.

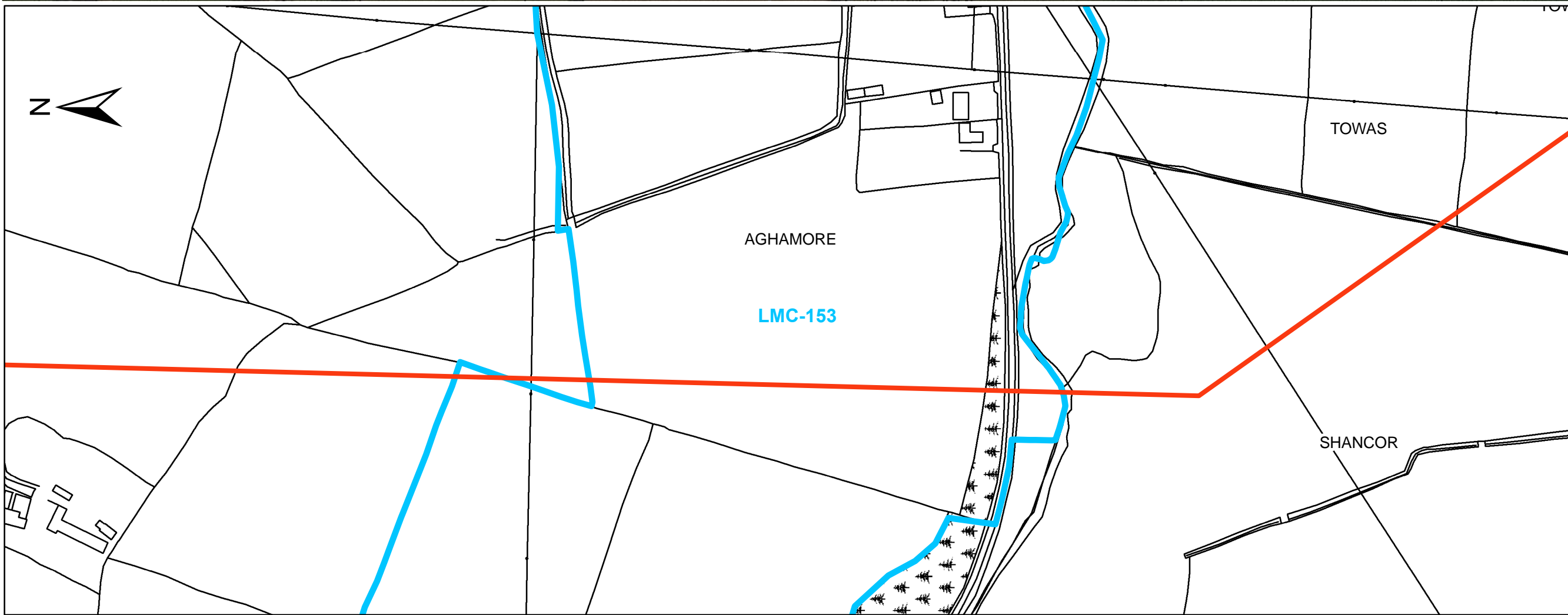
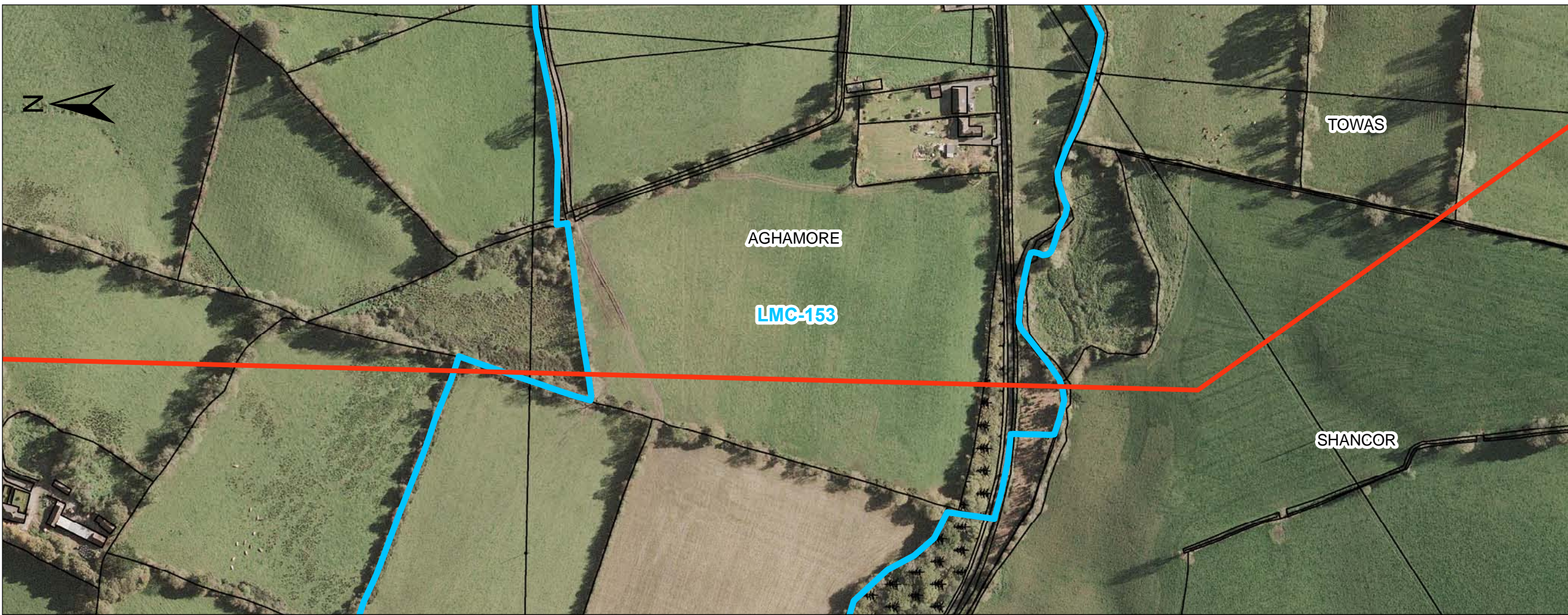
We have been appointed as a consultant to EirGrid on this nationally important electricity infrastructure project and over the coming weeks, representatives from our organisation will call to you. This is an important stage for all landowners; it will be an opportunity to confirm ownership; make comments and suggestions with respect to the project, the current indicative line route and to discuss your preference for the location of any structures on your land. You may for example have a preference for a structure to be placed in a particular field, or on a field boundary, and we would like to talk to you about this at the earliest opportunity as we may be able to advise EirGrid of ways to accommodate such requests subject to planning approval. The ability to do so will however be reduced over time as the application becomes more advanced. It may be necessary to arrange access to your lands for the purpose of surveying the area along the indicative route and this will also be discussed at the meeting.

I would encourage you to engage in the process at this early stage as it gives you the best opportunity to influence how the development will affect you, as a landowner, in the event that it does proceed to construction across your land. Please be assured that any discussions you have with us will not in anyway affect your right to participate in the planning process.


In the meantime should you have any queries please contact our information line on 1890.25.26.90 or visit one of the EirGrid Information Centres. The details of the opening hours and the location of the Information Centres can be found in the attached community update brochure.


Yours sincerely,

Mairead Hogan  
TOBIN Consulting Engineers



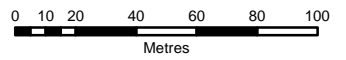
**Legend**

 Indicative Line Route

 Folio Boundary

Landowner No.: LMC-153

Note:  
All folio information was received from the Property Registration Authority (December 2010) and is subject to verification with landowners.



Client:



Project:

NORTH-SOUTH  
400 KV INTERCONNECTION  
DEVELOPMENT

Title:

LANDOWNER MAP

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# North South 400kV Development

## CHECK LIST/RECORD FOR SURVEYOR'S PRELIMINARY VISIT

1) Line: \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Landowner Ref. \_\_\_\_\_

3) Name(s) of Occupier(s) or Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_

4) Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile No. \_\_\_\_\_

5) Name(s) and relationship of person(s) interviewed \_\_\_\_\_

6) Was Survey Letter dated \_\_\_\_\_ and received? Yes  No

7) Was name and address correct on it? Yes  No

8) Is the named person owner  or occupier ?

9) Who else has any legal interest in the land as (joint) owner or occupier, e.g. wife, partner, agent?

10) Is the extent of the holding (along the route) correct on map? Yes  No

11) Is there bloodstock, bulls or need for special care, e.g. precautions against the spread of Brucellosis and Bovine Tuberculosis? Yes  No

12) Is there restriction on access for survey? Yes  No

13) Is there restriction on the use of transport on lands during survey? Yes  No

14) Are there any shelter belts, trees or shrubs of amenity value affected by the route? Yes  No

If yes, give details \_\_\_\_\_

15) Was any objection raised (a) to survey  (b) to route  \_\_\_\_\_

16) Was there mention of any particular spot(s) on the route where a mast would be obstructive? Yes  No

17) Was there any query left without satisfactory answer? Yes  No

18) Is the landowner aware of the Code of Practice for Survey, Construction and Maintenance of overhead lines in relation to the rights of landowners as agreed between the ESB and the I.F.A.? Yes  No

Signed on Behalf of EirGrid: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed on Behalf of Owner/Occupier: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**EirGrid C/O,**  
**TOBIN NS Project Manager,**  
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Blanchardstown Corporate Park,  
Dublin 15.

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## **APPENDIX I (iii)**

Phase 2 Landowner letter

Landowner and access maps

Landowner Information Brochure

Landowner checklist



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Name  
Address  
Address  
Address  
Address

Landowner Ref:

15<sup>th</sup> July 2013

**Re: North-South 400kV Interconnection Development**

Dear

In April 2013, EirGrid wrote to you to invite you to participate in a public engagement programme in relation to its Final Re-evaluation Report for the North-South 400kV project. The period for public engagement on the Final Re-evaluation Report concluded on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2013. EirGrid has reviewed and considered the feedback received during that period and has now published its Preferred Project Solution Report. This new report identifies EirGrid's preferred route for the overhead line and the proposed locations for towers.

EirGrid now invites you to participate in a further period of public and landowner consultation associated with its Preferred Project Solution Report. During this stage you will have the opportunity to engage and influence how the development will affect you prior to EirGrid finalising the proposal and submitting it for planning approval. TOBIN have been appointed as a consultant to EirGrid on this important project and I would like to meet with you to discuss the proposal, and any modification requests or concerns that you may have. For your information, I enclose with this letter -

- an aerial map or map(s) showing the current preferred line route and any proposed tower locations on your lands;
- where applicable, an aerial map or map(s) detailing proposed indicative access routes for construction purposes;
- a community update brochure summarising the Preferred Project Solution Report, the project roadmap and details as to how you can participate in the public consultation process; and
- a landowner information brochure with additional information on construction methodologies and route selection.

Some farmers have expressed concern about the potential impact the project may have on their farming activities. If you have similar concerns, I can arrange for a professional agricultural adviser to meet with you to discuss the matter further and to jointly explore ways of minimising any impacts on your farm.

The preferred line design is in accordance with EirGrid guidelines for overhead line design and tower positioning, which takes into consideration farm and/or land management practices, technical and environmental constraints, some of which are outlined in the Landowner Brochure.

You may wish to express a preference as to where structures might be relocated on your land, and where reasonable, these design change requests will be technically and environmentally assessed. Where the change can be accommodated without creating additional impact, this will be further considered in dialogue with you. I would also ask that you would consider granting access for our specialists to survey the part of the route located on your lands.

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Accordingly, please give me a call if you would like to propose a modification to one or more of the following:

- localised alignment of the route;
- location of any structure(s) on your land (such as repositioning onto a field boundary); and/or
- indicative access route(s) for construction traffic across your land;

Alternatively you can inform me of your proposed changes in writing by completing the change request form which can be found in the Landowner Brochure.

Please be assured that any discussions that you have with EirGrid or its agents during this or the previous consultation period will not in any way affect your right to participate in the planning process nor prejudice your right to make submissions or observations of whatever nature in relation to the overall project.

I would encourage you to engage in this consultation process as it is your opportunity to influence how the development will affect you prior to EirGrid finalising the proposal and submitting an application for planning approval. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me. My contact details are included below and details of the upcoming public information days can be found in the enclosed brochures.

Yours sincerely,

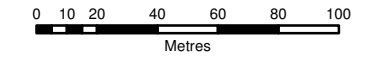
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- ### Legend
- Outer Conductor Line
  - Centreline of Preferred Line Route
  - Outer Conductor Line
  - Folio Boundary
  - Public Road
  - No. Proposed Tower Location
  - Temporary Access Route (Indicative)
  - Temporary Working Area (Indicative)
  - Temporary Stringing Area (Indicative)

**Note:**  
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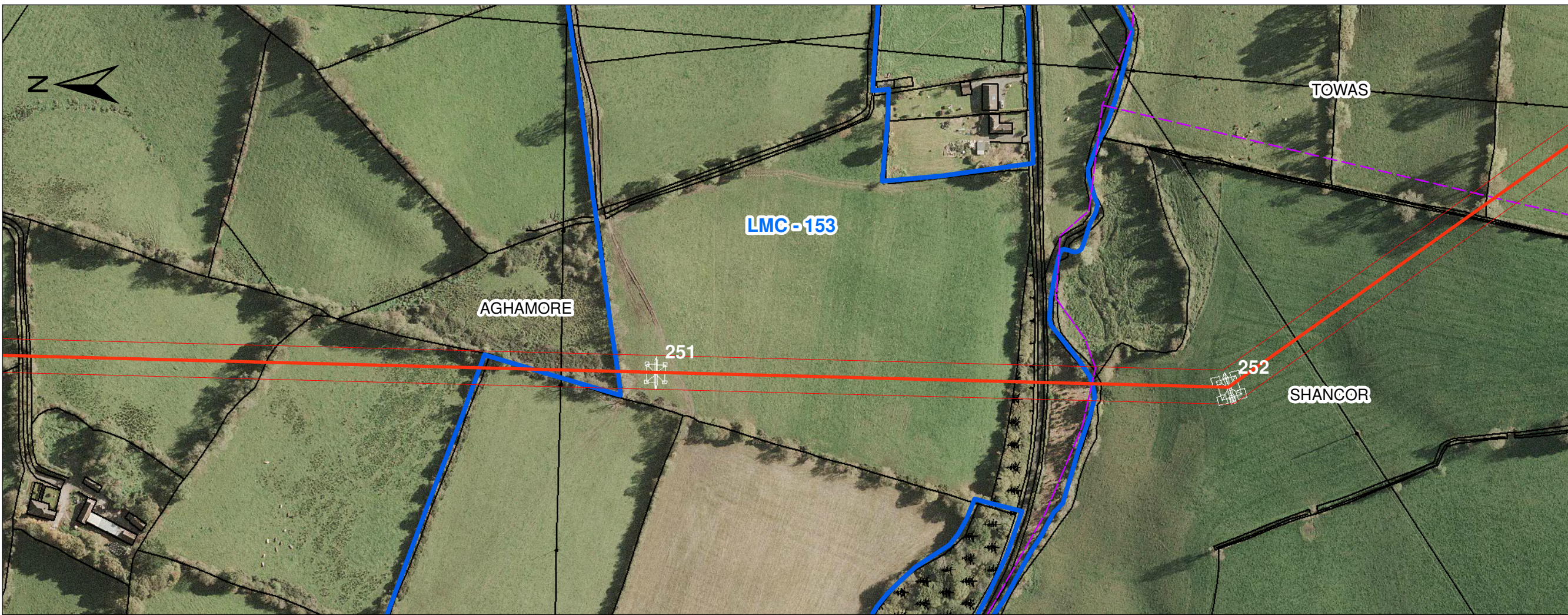
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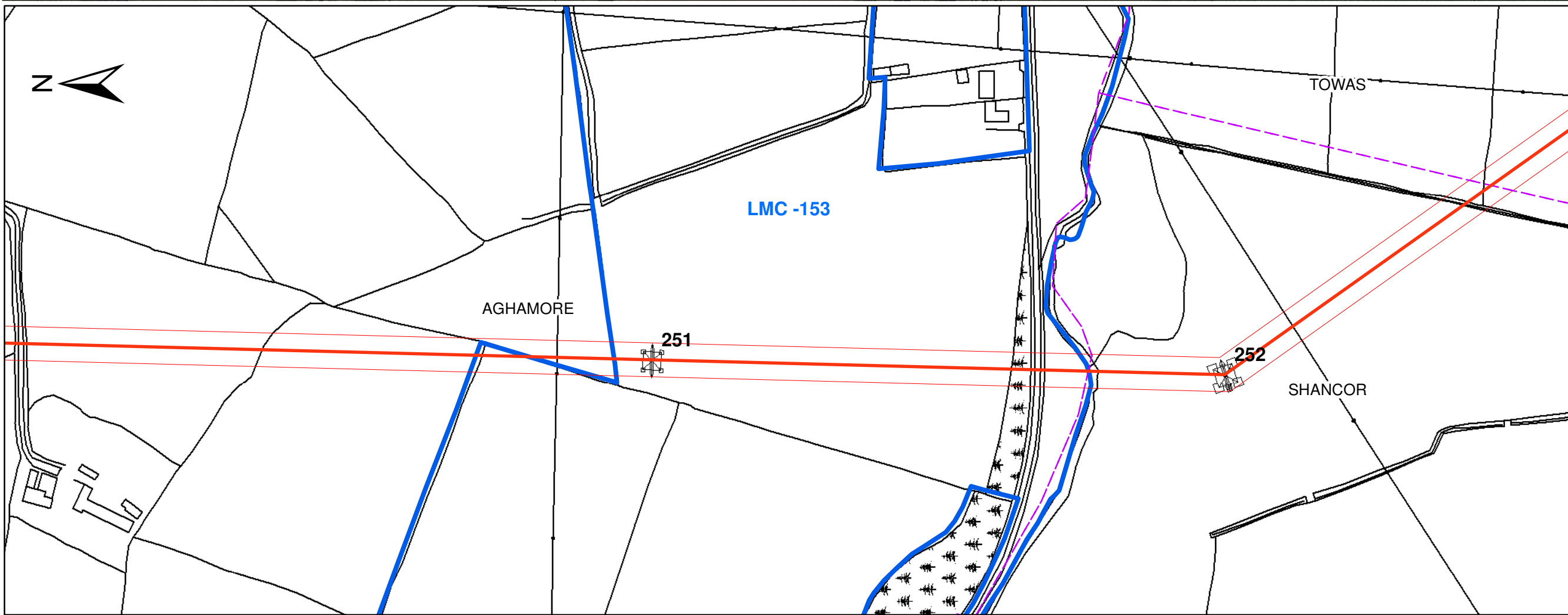
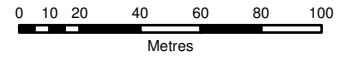
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- Legend**
- Outer Conductor Line
  - Centreline of Preferred Line Route
  - Outer Conductor Line
  - Folio Boundary
  - Proposed Tower Location
  - Townland Boundary

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## North-South 400kV Interconnection Development



## Landowner Information Brochure

July 2013





EirGrid and Northern Ireland Electricity are jointly planning a major cross-border electricity transmission scheme.

This scheme is a 400kV overhead line linking the existing 400kV substation in Woodland, County Meath with a planned substation in Turleenan, County Tyrone and will provide a second high capacity electricity transmission line between Ireland and Northern Ireland. EirGrid will in due course apply for planning approval for that part of the scheme located in Ireland called the North-South 400kV Interconnection Development.

## Landowner Engagement

EirGrid is committed to providing an accessible, meaningful and accountable consultation process. The engagement process has three phases:

### Phase 1 - Indicative Route (Completed)

Phase 1 of the landowner engagement process took place from May to July 2011. In this phase, all landowners were issued with maps showing the **Indicative Route** of the line as then envisaged on their property. EirGrid agents also sought to meet with each landowner to obtain feedback, confirm ownership, discuss the possible positioning of towers and gain access for environmental and/or technical surveys, where applicable.

*EirGrid is commencing the second phase of its landowner engagement strategy*

#### INDICATIVE

LANDOWNER LETTER WITH MAPS

PHASE 1

LANDOWNER SURVEY VISITS

PHASE 1

#### PREFERRED (Current Phase)

TOWER LOCATIONS

PHASE 2

#### FINAL PROPOSAL

FINAL LINE ROUTE AND SUBMIT APPLICATION

PHASE 3

## Phase 2 - Preferred Line Route (Current Phase)

The second phase of landowner consultation is now commencing on the **Preferred Line Route, proposed tower locations, construction access routes**, and other matters related to the project. All affected landowners, have been issued with updated maps outlining the above information and they will have an opportunity to comment and suggest changes to certain aspects of the proposal.

The consultation period will run for a period of eight weeks, from Tuesday, 16th July 2013 to Monday, 9th September 2013. This is the final formal consultation period prior to the submission of an application for planning approval to An Bord Pleanála.

There are several ways for you to engage with EirGrid:

- Contact your dedicated landowner agent (contact details are provided in your landowner letter).
- A **Change Request Form** is provided with this brochure, see page seven for further details.
- EirGrid is hosting a series of **Open Days** for the general public and landowners to provide their feedback on the project. For details of the Open Days planned in your area, please refer to the Community Update Brochure.
- Our **Navan Information Centre** is open every Tuesday from 12 noon to 7pm, our **Carrickmacross Information Centre** every Wednesday from 12 noon to 7pm and our **Kingscourt Information Centre** every Thursday from 12 noon to 7pm.
- Feedback can also be provided by post to: C/O EirGrid NS Project Manager, West Pier Business Campus, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, by email to [northsouth@eirgrid.com](mailto:northsouth@eirgrid.com) or by phone to **1890 25 26 90** (Mon-Friday 9am to 5pm).

EirGrid will assess all feedback received during Phase 2 and, where possible, incorporate feedback into the proposal to be submitted to An Bord Pleanála for planning approval.

**Note: EirGrid will not be seeking permission in its application to move tower positions post-planning (previously referred to as "micro-siting").**

## Phase 3 - Final Proposal

In Phase 3 landowners will be informed of the final proposal that EirGrid is submitting to An Bord Pleanála for approval. Landowners will receive maps and information confirming the route and tower locations included in the application for approval as well as information on the statutory consultation phase.





## Compensation

In the event that the proposed development receives planning approval and proceeds to construction, losses incurred by the owner of lands on which the line is constructed will be compensated by means of a statutory compensation process, where appropriate.

## Preferred Project Solution

EirGrid has now published the Preferred Project Solution Report for the project. The report is available on the project website: [www.eirgridprojects.com](http://www.eirgridprojects.com) or alternatively by contacting any member of the project team. Contact details are provided on the back page of this brochure.

## Overhead Line Design

As stated in the Preferred Project Solution Report, the new interconnector circuit shall generally take the form of a single circuit 400kV AC (alternating current) overhead line (OHL). An overhead transmission line is made up

of a number of elements, including conductors (wires), shieldwires, insulators and supporting structures. There are three types of towers proposed for this project. The height and footprint of each tower is dependent upon the tower type and the terrain over which the line passes. If you would like additional information on the size of the towers, if any, currently proposed for your land, please contact your dedicated landowner agent.

At 400kV, the conductors are required to be a minimum of 9 metres above ground. The distance between towers is known as the "span", and the length of the span is dependent on the terrain over which the line is to cross. The average span will be about 350 metres.

The preferred line route will also utilise nine existing double circuit towers on the approach to Woodland substation. These towers can carry two separate circuits and one side is currently unused and available for the North-South 400kV Interconnection Development.

## Guidelines for Overhead Line Design and Tower Positioning

The current preferred line route is designed in accordance with national and international standards and best practice.

In designing the preferred line route, landowner considerations, as well as technical and environmental constraints, have been considered. The guiding principles for positioning the towers are explained in detail in the Preferred Project Solution Report. Some of the considerations are outlined below. As part of this phase of landowner consultation, EirGrid is seeking your feedback on the line route and proposed tower locations.

### Landowner Considerations

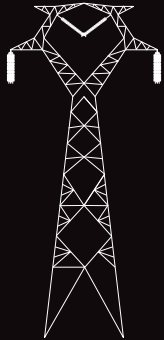
- Minimise disturbance to current land use, farm and land management practices.

### Technical Considerations

- Meet the line design requirements and technical limits of the proposed tower, such as span length and clearance height.
- Avoid sharp changes in direction in the line and minimise the number of angle towers required where possible.

### Environmental Considerations

- Avoid known ecologically sensitive areas where possible. (e.g. SAC/cSAC/pNHA/NHA/SPAs).
- Cause least disturbance and minimise impacts to natural heritage interests (including watercourses) and cultural heritage interests.
- Avoid sites of potential ecological importance, e.g. hedgerows and wetlands. Only site towers on hedgerows if the impact can be assessed by survey and appropriate mitigation measures identified.
- Integrate the line into the landscape where possible.
- Where possible, achieve a lateral clearance of 50m from the centre line to nearest dwelling and, on the grounds of general amenity, avoid routing close to residential areas.

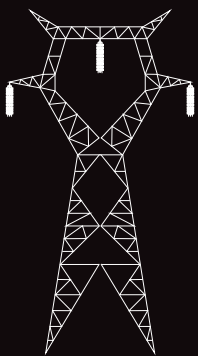


### Intermediate or Suspension Tower

These support the conductors (wires) on straight sections of the line route.

Typical Height: **27 - 43m**

Footprint Range: **6.4 x 6.4m to 11 x 11m**

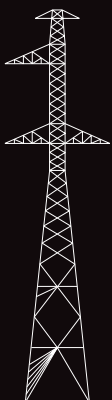


### Angle/Tension Tower

These are used where the line route changes direction.

Typical Height: **24 - 37m**

Footprint Range: **7.4 x 7.4m to 12 x 12m**



### Transposition Tower

Only two of these are proposed. They are required in order to improve the operating performance of the line.

Typical Height: **37 - 56m**

Footprint Range: **5.5 x 5.5m to 8.5 x 8.5m**

# Construction

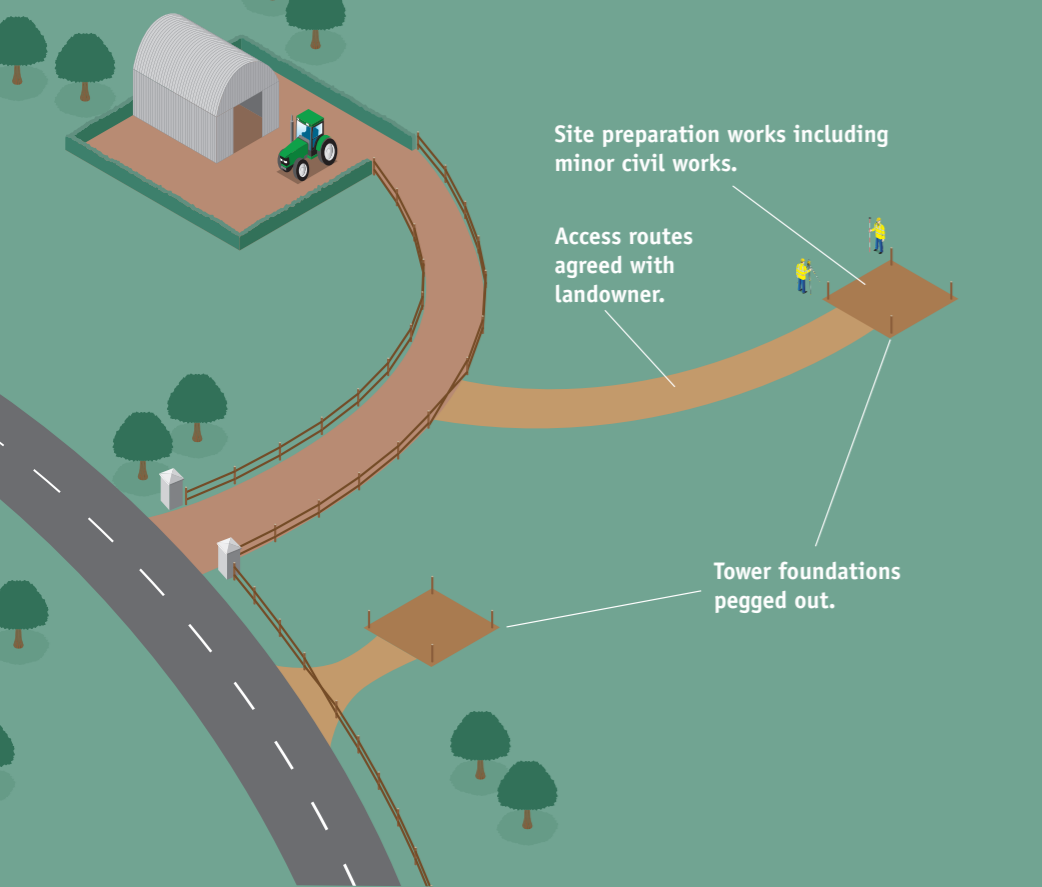
(For illustrative purposes only)

It should be noted that the construction methodology outlined below is indicative only and is based on EirGrid's and ESB Networks' experience of similar transmission line projects. Where there are site specific issues, for example poor ground conditions or unique planning conditions, then alternative methodologies are likely to be required.

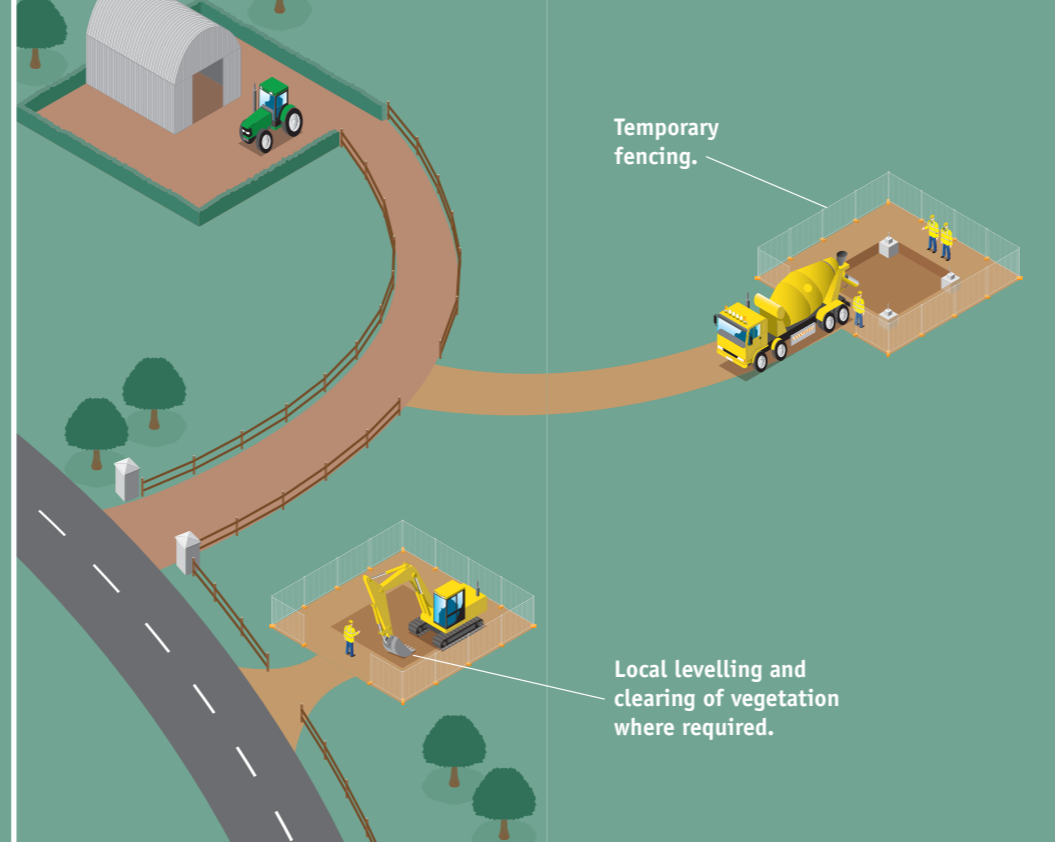
In all cases, EirGrid will work with landowners to agree access routes and to minimise disruption.

Individual tower sites will be separated by an average of 350m and access to the sites will be required for short periods during each phase of construction.

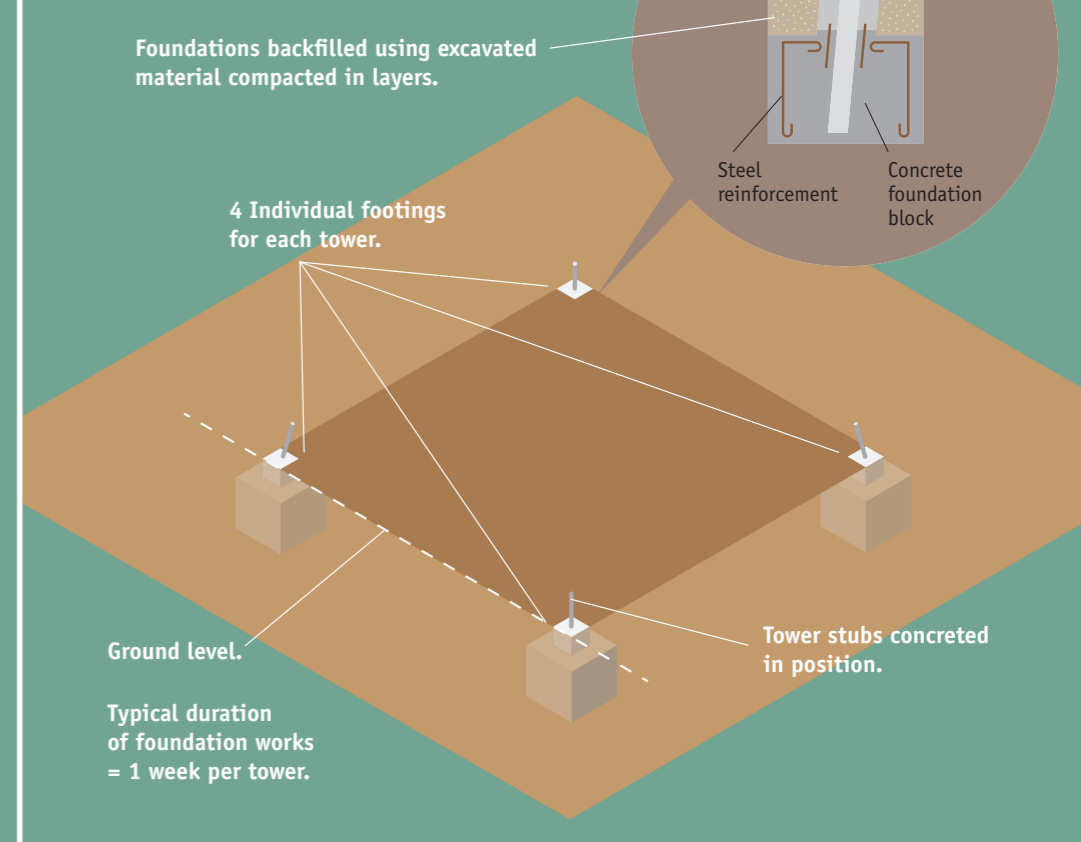
## 1 Setting Out/Access Routes



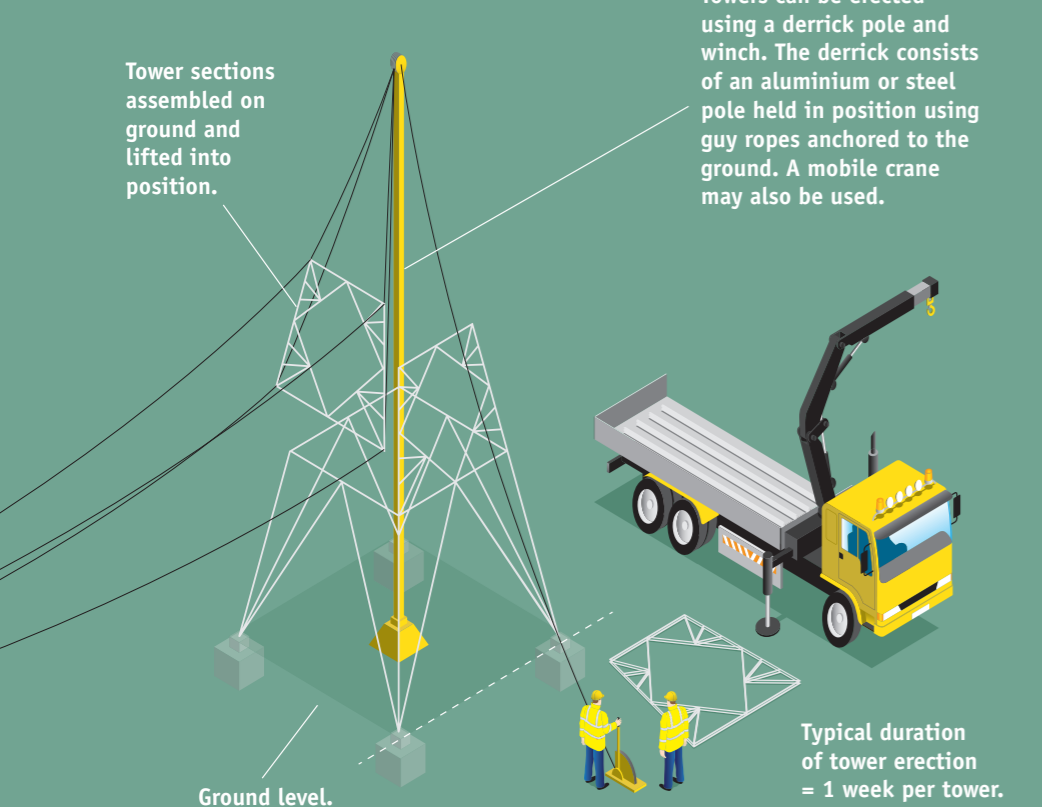
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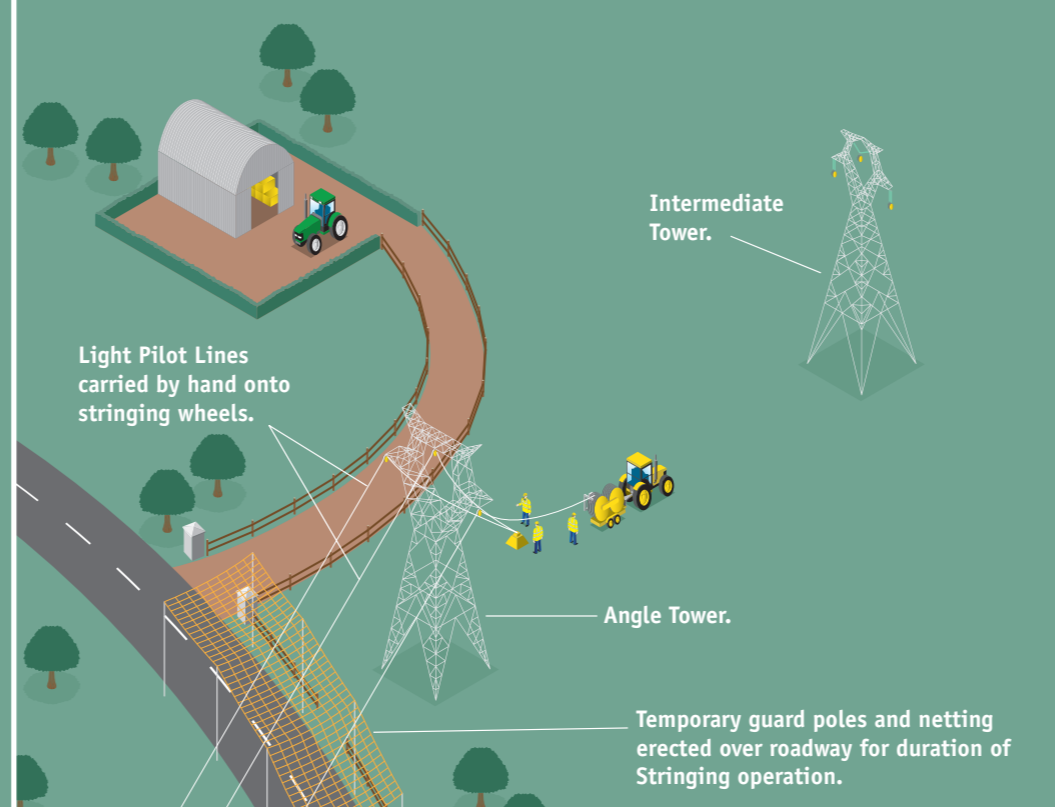
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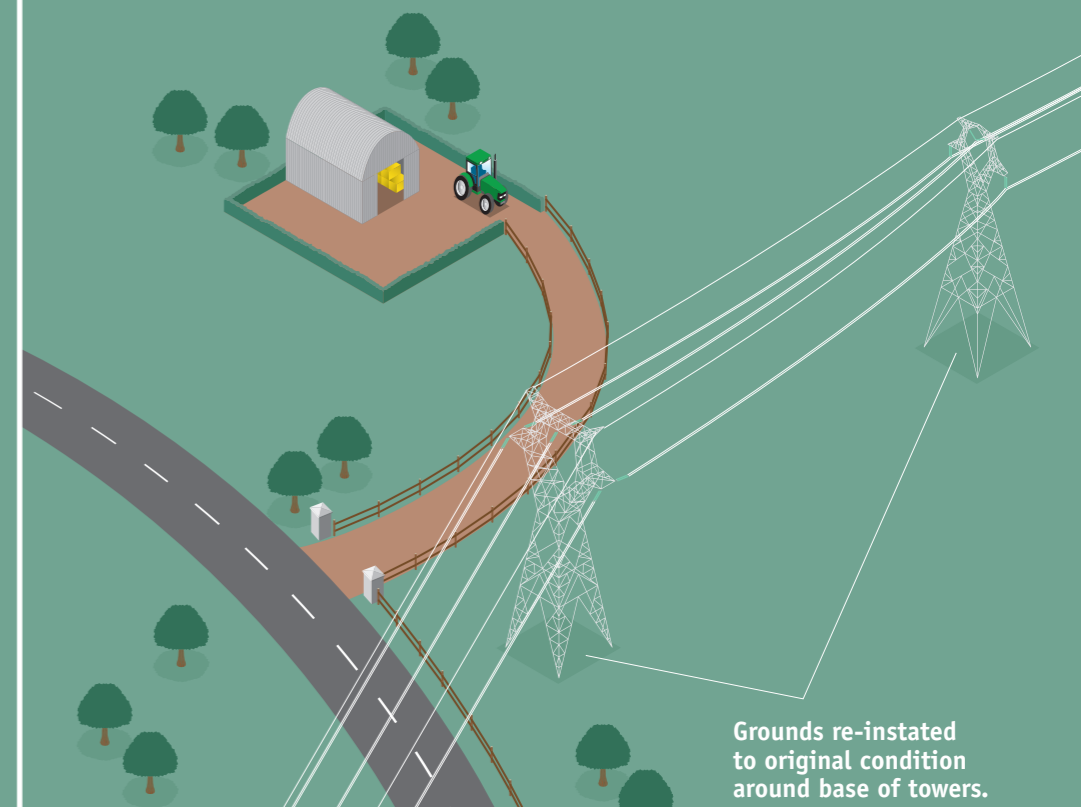
## 4 Tower Erection



## 5 Stringing



## 6 Re-Instatement & Completion



## Guidelines for Identifying Construction Access Routes

In identifying indicative construction access routes EirGrid seeks to minimise the environmental impact and the impact on farm and land management practices. These indicative temporary access routes will be approximately 4 metres in width to cater for the construction vehicles. Where possible, landowner preferences will be accommodated and existing access routes will be utilised.

The guiding principles used in the identification of access routes are explained in detail in the **Preferred Project Solution Report** and a summary is provided below.

### Landowner Considerations

- Minimise disturbance to current land use and farm and land management practices.
- Take appropriate precautions to protect animal welfare and crop fertility by avoiding the spreading of diseases and noxious and invasive plants between farms.

### Technical Considerations

- Maximise use of existing farm entrances, farm tracks/roads and bridges, where possible.
- The use of private accesses to residential properties should be avoided wherever possible for safety and amenity reasons.

### Environmental Considerations

- Avoid sensitive areas where possible (e.g. SAC/cSAC/pNHA/NHA/SPAs).
- Cause least disturbance, and minimise impacts, to natural heritage interests (including watercourses) and cultural heritage interests.
- Minimise the amount of new temporary entrances, and access tracks/roads, where possible.
- Minimise intrusion and disturbance to the surrounding area and local communities.

Where applicable, an aerial map(s) detailing the proposed indicative access routes for construction purposes are included in your landowner pack. As part of this phase of landowner consultation we are seeking your feedback on the suitability of these indicative access routes.

## How You Can Influence the Line Design

EirGrid is seeking to minimise disturbance to current land use and farm management practices and is seeking your feedback. You can provide feedback to your designated landowner agent or by contacting our dedicated project information service or in writing using the Change Request Form provided on page seven of this brochure.

In addition, if you would like an agricultural advisor to meet with you in order to carry out an assessment of the impact that the proposal may have on your farm practice, please advise through one of the methods listed above.

In order for your proposed modification to be adopted it must:

- Meet general line design requirements.
- Not create greater impact for adjoining dwellings/sensitive receptors, and
- Tower and line movements should be confined to the landowner property, where possible unless otherwise agreed with adjoining landowners.

All reasonable line route and tower movement requests will be considered and assessed. A balanced judgement will be made, based on technical and environmental considerations and the results of this assessment will be communicated to you.

Approved change requests will be incorporated into the final proposed development which will be submitted for planning approval to An Bord Pleanála. As indicated previously EirGrid will not be seeking flexibility in the application to move tower positions post-planning.

Please submit your feedback to the Project Team by 9th September 2013.



# Landowner Change Request Form



Reference Number:  (As Issued by EirGrid)

Name:

Address:

Telephone:  Email:

Preferred Method of Contact: a) post      b) phone  
c) email      d) visit

1. Is the extent of your land holding (along the preferred line route) correct on the maps you have received?  
Yes       No  (If No, please provide details in the space provided for feedback below)
2. Would you like to meet directly with EirGrid?  
Yes       No
3. Would you like an agricultural advisor to carry out an assessment of the impact the proposal may have on your farm practices?  
Yes       No
4. Would you allow access for an environmental field survey of your property so that EirGrid can assess any change request made?  
Yes       No
5. Do you have any feedback on the proposed line route, tower locations or indicative access routes detailed on the map?  
Yes  (Please provide details in the space provided below)  
No

Feedback/Details of Proposed Change(s):\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for Requested Change(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\* (Note – If you wish, please return the landowner map included with your pack, marked with your proposed modification. A copy of the map will be reissued to you upon receipt)

## About EirGrid

EirGrid, a state-owned company, is the national operator of the electricity transmission grid.

The national transmission grid is an interconnected network of high voltage power lines and cables, comparable to the motorways, dual carriageways and main roads of the national road network. It is operated at three voltage levels; 400kV, 220kV and 110kV and is approximately 6,400km in overall length within Ireland.

It is the backbone of Ireland's electricity system and is vital to ensuring that all industrial, commercial and residential customers from both rural and urban areas have a safe, secure, reliable, economic and efficient electricity supply.

## Contact Details

**Write:** C/O **EirGrid NS Project Manager**, Block 2, Floor 2, West Pier Business Campus, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland.

**Phone:** Lo-call **1890 25 26 90** (9am to 5pm Monday to Friday)

**Email:** [northsouth@eirgrid.com](mailto:northsouth@eirgrid.com)

**Website:** <http://www.eirgridprojects.com/projects/northsouth400kvinterconnectiondevelopment>

Visitor Information Centres open as follows until 5th September 2013 or by appointment:

### Navan

Every Tuesday from 12 noon to 7pm  
10a Kennedy House, Kennedy Road, Navan, Co. Meath.

### Carrickmacross

Every Wednesday from 12 noon to 7pm  
Carrickmacross Workhouse, Shercock Road, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan.

### Kingscourt

Every Thursday from 12 noon to 7pm  
Dun A Ri House Hotel, Station Road, Kingscourt, Co. Cavan.



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# North-South 400kV Development Check List/Record For Surveyor's Preliminary Visit



1) Line: \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Landowner No. \_\_\_\_\_

3) Name(s) and address of landowner(s) \_\_\_\_\_

4) Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile No. \_\_\_\_\_

5) Name(s) of person(s) interviewed (if not the person at (3) above) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of interviewee to the landowner \_\_\_\_\_

6) Was Survey Letter dated \_\_\_\_\_ and received? Yes  No

7) Was the name and address correct on it? Yes  No

8) Who else has any legal interest in the land as (joint) owner or occupier, e.g. wife, partner, agent? \_\_\_\_\_

9) Name and address of occupiers(s) if any; \_\_\_\_\_

10) Is the extent of the holding (along the route) correct on map? Yes  No

11) Is there bloodstock, bulls or need for special care, e.g. precautions against the spread of Brucellosis and Bovine Tuberculosis? \_\_\_\_\_

Yes  No

12) Is there restriction on access for survey, i.e. particular fields / areas of the farm? Yes  No

13) Is there restriction on the use of transport on lands during survey? Yes  No

14) Are there any shelter belts, trees or shrubs of amenity value affected by the route? Yes  No

If yes, give details \_\_\_\_\_

15) Is there any objection to; (a) to walkover surveys Yes  No  \_\_\_\_\_

(b) to line route Yes  No  \_\_\_\_\_

16) (a) Is there any particular spot(s) on the route where a mast would be obstructive?

Yes  No  \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Are there any comments in relation to the proposed construction access routes and works areas?

(c) Were other construction related issues discussed e.g. drainage, services, soil disposal?

17) Is the landowner aware of the Code of Practice for Survey, Construction and Maintenance of overhead lines in relation to the rights of landowners as agreed between the ESB and the I.F.A.? Yes  No

18) Was there any query left without satisfactory answer? Yes  No

Signed on Behalf of EirGrid: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed on Behalf of Owner/Occupier: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Any further queries may be addressed to: \_\_\_\_\_ Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

**EirGrid NS Project Manager,  
Block 2, Floor 2,  
West Pier Business Campus,  
Dún Laoghaire,  
Co. Dublin.**

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## **APPENDIX I (iv)**

Phase 3 Landowner modification rejection letter





**ESB International**, Stephen Court, 18–21 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2, Ireland.

**Tel:** +353 (0) 1 703 8000 **Fax:** +353 (0) 1 703 8088 **Email:** [marketing@esbi.ie](mailto:marketing@esbi.ie) **Web:** [www.esbi.ie](http://www.esbi.ie)

Name  
Address  
Address  
Address

**Landowner Ref:**

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> December 2013

**Re: North-South 400kV Interconnection Development**

Dear Name

I refer to the change request that you submitted to EirGrid in respect of this development. EirGrid would like to thank you for participating in the public consultation process that commenced on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2013 following publication of the Preferred Project Solution Report.

Your change request, along with the numerous other similar requests that were received, has been considered and assessed in accordance with the guidelines set out in the Landowner Information Brochure that was sent to you in July.

I regret to inform you that, having carefully considered the matter, it is not possible to accommodate your requested modification as it would result in the requirement for an additional tower which would create an overall increase in environmental impact. I would like to meet with you in order to explain in greater detail why it was not possible to accommodate your request and will endeavour to contact you in the coming days to arrange a meeting. In the meantime if you would like to contact me directly, my details are outlined below.

EirGrid has now published its Proposed Final Line Route which will form the basis of a planning application to be submitted to An Bord Pleanála in early 2014.

For your information, I enclose with this letter:-

- an aerial map or map(s) showing the proposed final line route and any proposed tower locations on your lands;
- where applicable, an aerial map or map(s) detailing proposed indicative access routes for construction purposes;
- information on the current status of the project;

Should you have any queries or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

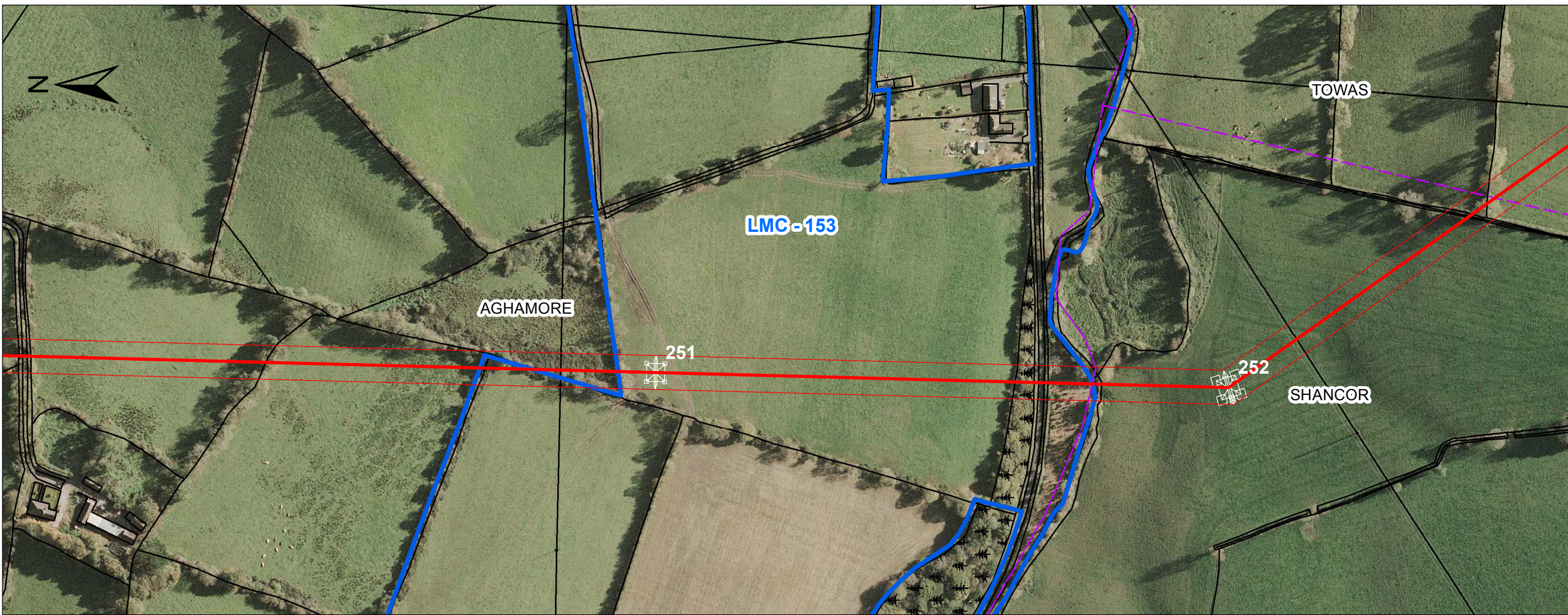
Yours sincerely,

Kevin Coffey  
ESB International  
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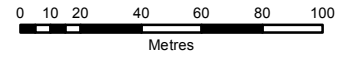
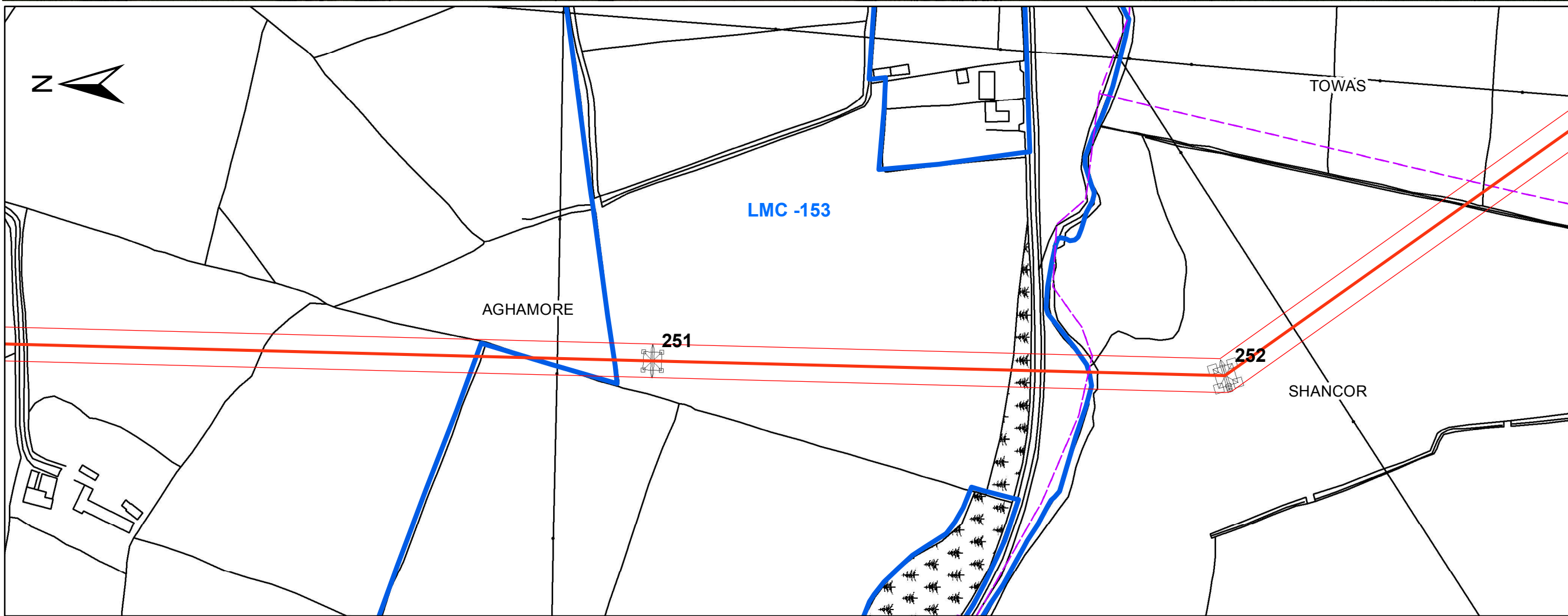
**Directors:** Gerry Tallon, John Redmond, Michael O'Brien, Oliver Brogan.  
**Registered Office:** Stephen Court, 18–21 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2, Ireland.  
**Registered in Ireland No.** 155249





- ### Legend
- Outer Conductor Line
  - Centreline of Proposed Final Line Route
  - Outer Conductor Line
  - Folio Boundary
  - Proposed Final Tower Location
  - Townland Boundary

Note:  
All folio information was received from the Property Registration Authority (October 2012) and is subject to verification with landowners.



Client:

Project: NORTH-SOUTH 400 KV INTERCONNECTION DEVELOPMENT

Title: LANDOWNER MAP

Landowner No.: LMC-153

Scale @ A3: 1:2,500  
 Prepared by: M. Nolan    Checked: E. Collins    Date: December 2013  
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## **APPENDIX I (V)**

Phase 3

Notification of Line Design Changes



**INTERNATIONAL**

Stephen Court, 18-21 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2, Ireland  
Phone +353 1 703 8000 Fax +353 1 662 3269

NAME  
ADDRESS  
ADDRESS

Landowner Ref:

11<sup>th</sup> March 2015

**Re: North-South 400kV Interconnection Development**

Dear Title Last Name;

In December 2013 we wrote to you to inform you that EirGrid had published its Proposed Line Route for this development and that that proposal would have an impact on your landholding. We provided you with maps which showed the proposed tower locations and indicative access routes for construction on your landholding.

I can now inform you that EirGrid has carried out a review of the December 2013 line route and as a result has made a number of changes to the line design that will form the basis of the application for planning approval to An Bord Pleanála. One of these has resulted in a change to how the proposal will impact on your landholding. I am therefore enclosing with this letter a map which shows the line design as of December 2013 and the current line design including the proposed indicative access routes for construction purposes.

(Specific information about the change as it relates to the landholding)

EirGrid will shortly publish its revised line design and will thereafter write to you, and to all other stakeholders, informing you of its publication. In the meantime should you have any queries or require any further information on these or any other matters please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Landowner Agent Name  
Landowner Mobile Contact Information  
**Enclosed:** ESBI Landowner Map

