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FORBAIRT BHONNEAGAIR STRAITÉISIGH

Na hAchtanna um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 go 2015

Údaráis Phleanála: Comhairle Contae Mhuineacháin, Comhairle Contae an Chabháin, Comhairle Contae na Mí

STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2015

Planning Authorities: Monaghan County Council, Cavan County Council, Meath County Council

Iarratas faoi alt 182A(1) 51 d'Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000, arna leasú, de réir pleananna agus sonraí a taisceadh leis an mBord Pleanála ar an 9 Meitheamh, 2015, ráiteas tionchair timpeallachta agus ráiteas tionchair Natura san áireamh a rinne EirGrid plc ó The Oval, 160 Bóthar Shíol Bhroin, Droichead na Dothra, Baile Átha Cliath.

Application by for approval under section 182A(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, in accordance with plans and particulars, lodged with An Bord Pleanála, including an environmental impact statement and a Natura impact statement, on the 9th day of June, 2015, by EirGrid plc of The Oval, 160 Shelbourne Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin.

An Fhorbairt Bheartaithe:
Leis an idirnascaire iomlán (thart ar 138 km ar fad, lena mbeidh thart ar 34 km de lonnaithe i dTuaisceart Éireann),

Proposed Development:
The overall interconnector (approximately 138 kilometres long inclusive of approximately 34

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nascfar gréasáin tarchuir leictreachais reatha Thuaisceart Éireann agus na hÉireann idir Turleenan, Contae Thír Eoghain agus Fearann na Coille, láimh le Baile an Bhóthair, Contae na Mí. Sainaithníodh an t-idirnascaire seo mar Thionscadal Comhleasa de bhun fhorálacha Rialachán (AE) Uimh. 347/2013 ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle an 17 Aibreán 2013 maidir le treoirlínte le haghaidh bonneagair tras-Eorpaigh fuinnimh.

kilometres located in Northern Ireland) will link the existing electricity transmission networks of Northern Ireland and Ireland between Turleenan, County Tyrone and Woodland, near Batterstown, County Meath. This interconnector has been designated as a Project of Common Interest (PCI) pursuant to the provisions of Regulation (EU) No. 347/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17th April 2013 on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure.

An Fhorbairt Idirnasctha Thuaidh-Theas 400 kV a bheartaítear, atá suite i gcontaetha Mhuineacháin, an Chabháin agus na Mí, a bheidh ina hábhar don iarratas ar cheadú, tá sí thart ar 103.35 km ar fad agus cuimsítear léi na príomhghnéithe seo a leanas:

The proposed North-South 400 kilovolt Interconnection Development located in Counties Monaghan, Cavan and Meath, which will be the subject of the application for approval, is approximately 103.35 kilometres long and consists of the following principal elements:

(i) Líne tharchuir lasnairde 400 kV nua ciorcaid shingil (a chlúdóidh thart ar 100.5 km ar fad i gContae Mhuineacháin, i gContae an Chabháin agus i gContae na Mí) a shínfidh ó dheas den chuid is mó ag an teorainn dlínse le Tuaisceart Éireann (idir baile fearainn Doohat nó Crossreagh, Contae Ard Mhacha, agus baile fearainn na Léime Giorra, Contae Mhuineacháin) go baile fearainn

(i) A new single circuit 400-kilovolt overhead transmission line (covering a distance of approximately 100.5 kilometres in the counties of Monaghan, Cavan and Meath) extending in a generally southerly alignment from the jurisdictional border with Northern Ireland (between the townland of Doohat or Crossreagh, County Armagh, and the townland of Lemgare, County

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Bogganstown (Toghroinn Chúil Mhaoilín), Contae na Mí. Ina theannta sin, trasnaíonn an líne tharchuir a bheartaítear an teorainn dlínse le Tuaisceart Éireann in dhá áit – ó bhaile fearainn na Léime Giorra, Contae Mhuineacháin, isteach i mbaile fearainn na Croise Báine, Contae Ard Mhacha, agus ar ais go baile fearainn na Léime Giorra, Contae Mhuineacháin. Cuimseoidh an líne tharchuir sin 299 struchtúr tacaíochta cruach laitíse nua (atá idir thart ar 26 m agus 51 m os cionn leibhéal na talún), mar aon leis na seoltóirí, na hinslitheoirí agus gairis eile lena mbaineann.

Leathnóidh an líne nua tharchuir a bheartaítear ar fud na mbailte fearainn seo a leanas i gContae Mhuineacháin, i gContae an Chabháin agus i gContae na Mí:

Contae Mhuineacháin: An Léim Ghearr, Lios Dúin Ghormaíle, Achadh na gCloch, Leacht na Caillí, an tEasán, an Caiseal, an tEanach (Barúntacht Chríoch Mhúrn), Carraig an Iúir, Clár Doire, Corr na Muclach Thuaidh, Doire Shalach (Barúntacht Mhuineacháin), Droim Rúisc, an Charraigeach Ramhar, Corr na nIúr (Barúntacht Mhuineacháin), Gamhscair, Tír Uí Ghréacháin, Corr na Muclach Theas,

Monaghan) to the townland of Bogganstown (Electoral District (ED) Culmullin), County Meath. In addition, the proposed transmission line crosses the jurisdictional border with Northern Ireland at two points - from the townland of Lemgare, County Monaghan into the townland of Crossbane, County Armagh and back into the townland of Lemgare, County Monaghan. This transmission line comprises 299 number new lattice steel support structures (ranging in height from approximately 26 metres to 51 metres over ground level), with associated conductors, insulators, and other apparatus.

The proposed new transmission line extends across the following townlands of County Monaghan, County Cavan and County Meath:

County Monaghan: Lemgare, Lisdrumgormly, Annaglogh, Latnakelly, Tassan, Cashel, Annagh (Cremorne Barony (By)), Carrickanure, Clarderry, Cornamucklagh North, Derryhallagh (Monaghan By), Drumroosk, Cargaghramer, Cornanure (Monaghan By), Rausker, Terrygreeghan, Cornamucklagh South, Crinkill, Clogher, Drumguillew Lower,

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Críonchoill, an Clochar, Droim gColbha Íochtarach, Droim Thamhain, an Ghréach (Barúntacht Chríoch Mhúrn), an Bhreaclaigh (Barúntacht Chríoch Mhúrn), Tulaigh na hInneora, Cúil Troim Éigis, Barrachadh, Achadh Mhic Céir, Droim Iolaird (Barúntacht Chríoch Mhúrn), Tuath, Tulaigh Ghlais, Corr na Sasanach, Corr an Fheannta, an tIomaire Fraoigh, na Srianta, Ardráth, Corr an Bhealaigh (Barúntacht Fhearnaí), Ráth Fiachrach, Corr na Láithreach, an Dumha, an Chorr Liath (Toghroinn Dhroim Chora), Scallchoill agus Bealach na gCeithearn.

Contae an Chabháin: Lios Uí Ghabhann, Drumiller, an Chorr Liath (Barúntacht Chlann Chaoich), Corr na mBeach, an Chorr Ghlas (Toghroinn Lios Uí Ghabhann), Collops, Dingin, Corrycholman, Leitir (Toghroinn Lios Uí Ghabhann), an Chorr Dhúch (Toghroinn Inis Caoin), Laragh, Corr an Aoire (Toghroinn Inis Caoin), Carrowreagh, Clonturkan agus Balloughly.

Contae na Mí: Bóthar Liath, Moorlagh, Tullyweel, Lislea, Achadh Mór, Shancor, Towas, an tÉadan, Buíonach (Toghroinn Chill Mhaighneann), Allt Maise (Toghroinn Bhaile Chrúis), Baile Chrúis (Toghroinn Bhaile Chrúis), Brittas, Ráth Úd, Raffin, Clooney, Baile

Drumhawan, Greagh (Cremorne By), Brackly (Cremorne By), Tullynahinnera, Cooltrimegish, Boraghy, Aghmakerr, Drumillard (Cremorne By), Tooa, Tullyglass, Cornasassonagh, Corrinenty, Ummerafree, Sreenty, Ardragh, Corvally (Farney By), Raferagh, Cornalaragh, Doagh, Corlea (ED Drumcarrow), Scalkill and Ballaghnagearn.

County Cavan: Lisagoan, Drumiller, Corlea (Clankee By), Cornamagh, Corglass (ED Lisagoan), Collops, Dingin, Corrycholman, Leiter (ED Lisagoan), Cordoagh (ED Enniskeen), Laragh, Corraneary (ED Enniskeen), Carrowreagh, Clonturkan and Balloughly.

County Meath: Boherlea, Moorlagh, Tullyweel, Lislea, Aghamore, Shancor, Towas, Eden, Boynagh (ED Kilmainham), Altmush (ED Cruicetown), Cruicetown (ED Cruicetown), Brittas, Rahood, Raffin, Clooney, Drakerath, Mountainstown,

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an Drácaigh, Mountainstown, Dústún (Toghroinn Bhaile an Chaisleáin), Fletcherstown, Cluain an Ghaill, Baile Órthaí, Diméin Bhaile Ghib, Tailtin, Caisleán Mháirtín, Tankardstown (Toghroinn Ard Breacáin), Grange (Toghroinn Ard Breacáin), Durhamstown, Neillstown (Toghroinn Ard Breacáin), Baile an Bhiataigh (Toghroinn Ard Breacáin), Ongenstown (Toghroinn Ard Breacáin), Baile na nGael (Toghroinn Ard Breacáin), Halltown, Baile an Teampaill, Philpotstown (Toghroinn Bheigthí), Rataine, Dunlough, Balbrigh, Dunganny, Ráth an Eallaigh, Trubley, Knockstown (Toghroinn Chill Chúile), Knockstown (Toghroinn Chill Mheasáin), Creroge, Crumpstown nó Marshallstown (Toghroinn Ghalltroma), Branganstown, Boycetown, Galltroim, Baile Mháirtín (Toghroinn Ghalltroma), Derrypatrick, Cúil Mhaoilín, Baile na Coille (Toghroinn Chúil Mhaoilín), Curraghtown (Toghroinn Chúil Mhaoilín), agus Bogganstown (Toghroinn Chúil Mhaoilín).

Dowdstown (ED Castletown), Fletcherstown, Cluain an Ghaill (Clongill), Baile Órthaí (Oristown), Diméin Bhaile Ghib (Gibstown Demesne), Tailtin (Teltown), Castlemartin, Tankardstown (ED Ardbraccan), Grange (ED Ardbraccan), Durhamstown, Neillstown (ED Ardbraccan), Betaghstown (ED Ardbraccan), Ongenstown (ED Ardbraccan), Irishtown (ED Ardbraccan), Halltown, Churchtown, Philpotstown (ED Bective), Rataine, Dunlough, Balbrigh, Dunganny, Rathnally, Trubley, Knockstown (ED Kilcooly), Knockstown (ED Kilmessan), Creroge, Crumpstown or Marshallstown (ED Galtrim), Branganstown, Boycetown, Galtrim, Martinstown (ED Galtrim), Derrypatrick, Culmullin, Woodtown (ED Culmullin), Curraghtown (ED Culmullin) and Bogganstown (ED Culmullin).

Áirítear leis an bhforbairt a bheartaítear forbairt i gceantar Gaeltachta, lonnaithe sna bailte fearainn seo a leanas: Cluain an Ghaill, Baile Órthaí, Diméin Bhaile Ghib agus Tailtin (atá go léir i gContae na Mí).

The proposed development includes development in a Gaeltacht area, located in the townlands of Cluain an Ghaill (Clongill), Baile Órthaí (Oristown), Diméin Bhaile Ghib

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(ii) Is gá mionathruithe a dhéanamh ar thrí líne lasnairde 110 kV reatha. I measc na mionathruithe, cuirfear sraitheanna cuaillí breise isteach agus / nó cuirfear sraitheanna cuaillí níos ísle (idir 11.5 m agus 19 m ar airde os cionn leibhéal na talún) in ionad struchtúir reatha sna láithreacha seo a leanas:

- Cóngaracht an áit a dtrasnaíonn an líne tharchuir lasnairde 400 kV a bheartaítear leis an líne tharchuir 110 kV Lisdrum-Lú i nDroim Rúisc, Contae Mhuineacháin.
- Cóngaracht an áit a dtrasnaíonn an líne tharchuir lasnairde 400 kV a bheartaítear leis an líne tharchuir 110 kV Lú-Rathrussan i gCorr an Fheannta agus sa Chorr Bhán, Contae Mhuineacháin.
- Cóngaracht an áit a dtrasnaíonn an líne tharchuir lasnairde 400 kV a bheartaítear leis an líne tharchuir 110 kV Ármhach-na hUaimhe i nDiméin Bhaile Ghib agus Tailtin, Contae na Mí.

(Gibstown Demesne) and Tailtin (Teltown), all in County Meath.

(ii) Modifications are required to three number existing 110 kV overhead lines. The modifications comprise the insertion of additional polesets and/or replacement of existing structures with polesets of shorter height (ranging in height from approximately 11.5 m to 19 m over ground level) in the following locations:

- The vicinity of where the proposed 400 kV overhead transmission line intersects with the Lisdrum Louth 110 kV transmission line, in Drumroosk, County Monaghan.
- The vicinity of where the proposed 400 kV overhead transmission line intersects with the Louth-Rathrussan 110 kV transmission line, in Corrinenty and Corbane, County Monaghan.
- The vicinity of where the proposed 400 kV overhead transmission line intersects with the Arva-Navan 110 kV transmission line, in Diméin Bhaile Ghib (Gibstown Demesne and Tailtin (Teltown), County Meath.

(iii) Ciorcad 400 kV nua a shínfidh thart ar 2.85km feadh an taoibh thuaidh nach bhfuil á úsáid faoi láthair den líne tharchuir 400 kV atá ann cheana idir an tSeansráid agus Fearann na Coille, a shínfear soir ó bhaile fearainn Bogganstown (Toghroinn Chúil Mhaoilín) a fhad le Fostáisiún Fhearann na Coille 400 kV de chuid BSL atá ann cheana i mbaile fearainn Fhearann na Coille, Contae na Mí, agus a thrasnóidh na bailte fearainn seo a leanas i gContae na Mí: Bogganstown (Toghroinn Chúil Mhaoilín), Curraghtown (Toghroinn Chúil Mhaoilín), Gaulstown (Toghroinn Chúil Mhaoilín), Hayestown, Creemore agus Fearann na Coille. Na struchtúir thacaíochta cruach laitíse chiorcaid dhúbailte atá feadh na líne sin atá ann cheana, tá siad éagsúil ó thaobh airde de, idir thart ar 52 m go 61 m os cionn leibhéal na talún.

(iii) The addition of a new 400-kilovolt circuit for approximately 2.85 kilometres along the currently unused northern side of the existing Oldstreet to Woodland 400-kilovolt transmission line, extending eastwards from the townland of Bogganstown (ED Culmullin) to the existing ESB Woodland 400-kilovolt substation, in the townland of Woodland, County Meath, and crossing the following townlands in County Meath: Bogganstown (ED Culmullin), Curraghtown (ED Culmullin), Gaulstown (ED Culmullin), Hayestown, Creemore and Woodland. The existing double circuit lattice steel support structures along this existing line range in height from approximately 52 metres to 61 metres over ground level.

(iv) Oibreacha gaolmhara ar shuíomh atá thart ar 0.544 ha ar achar laistigh d'Fhostáisiún Fhearann na Coille 400 kV de chuid BSL atá ann cheana agus fíorchóngarach dó i mbaile fearainn Fhearann na Coille, Contae na Mí, lena n-áirítear: síneadh an bhábhúin atá ann cheana siar (thart ar 0.231 ha), lena n-áirítear mionathruithe gaolmhara ar an gclaí pailise 2.6 m ar airde atá ann

(iv) Associated works on a site of approximately 0.544 ha within and immediately adjacent to the existing ESB Woodland 400 kV substation, in the townland of Woodland, County Meath to include: a western extension of the existing compound (of approximately 0.231 ha) including associated modifications to the existing 2.6 metre high palisade

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cheana; trealamh leictreach agus gaireas leictreach a chur leis, lena n-áirítear scoradán ciorcaid, claochladáin srutha, claochladáin phoitéinsil ionduchtacha, dínascairí, lasca dínasctha pantagraif, coscairí borrtha, inslitheoirí tacaíochta agus barraí inslitheora tacaíochta (a bheidh idir thart ar 7.4 m agus 13.7 m ar airde); struchtúir dhroichid (thart ar 28 m); aeróg aonpholach thintrí (thart ar 28 m) agus na hoibreacha gaolmhara agus coimhdeacha tógála agus forbartha suímh uile.

(v) Clós stórála sealadach gaolmhar le haghaidh ábhar tógála a bheidh suite i mbailte fearainn Mhuinilte Dubh agus Mhuinilte Bán, Carraig Mhachaire Rois, Contae Mhuineacháin, ar láithreán atá thart ar 1.4 ha ar achar, lena n-áirítear oibreacha gaolmhara suímh, bealach isteach nua chuig an láithreán ar Bhóthar Áitiúil an L4700, fálú gaolmhar pailise teorann a bheidh 2.6 m ar airde (agus bacainn torainn air) agus áiseanna gaolmhara coimhdeacha agus spásanna gaolmhara coimhdeacha páirceála don fhoireann.

(vi) An fhorbairt ghaolmhar agus choimhdeach ar fad lena n-áirítear oibreacha a chuimsíonn nó a bhaineann le tógáil agus le tochailt bhuan agus shealadach.

boundary fence; the addition of electrical equipment and apparatus including circuit breaker, current transformers, inductive voltage transformers, disconnectors, pantograph disconnecting switches, surge arresters, support insulators and support insulator bars (all ranging in height from approximately 7.4 m to 13.7 m); gantry structures (approximately 28 m); and a lightning monopole (approximately 28 m); and all associated ancillary construction and site development works.

(v) An associated temporary construction material storage yard to be located in the townlands of Monaltyduff and Monaltybane, Carrickmacross, County Monaghan, on a site of approximately 1.4 hectares, including associated site works, new site entrance onto the L4700 Local Road, associated 2.6-metre high boundary palisade fencing (with noise barrier affixed) and associated ancillary staff facilities and parking.

(vi) All associated and ancillary development including works comprising or relating to permanent and temporary construction and excavation.

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Cuireadh Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta (EIS) agus Ráiteas Tionchair Natura (NIS) araon i dtoll a chéile i leith na forbartha a bheartaítear. Chomh maith leis sin, d'ullmhaigh EirGrid cpt agus SONI Ltd Comhthuarascáil Chomhshaoil (JER) i leith an idirnascaire fhoriomláin ó Chontae Thír Eoghain go Contae na Mí, agus tugadh aird chuí ann ar an Treoir maidir le Feidhmiú an Nóis Imeachta um Measúnacht Tionchair Timpeallachta do Thionscadail Mhórscála Trasteorann) ón gCoimisiún Eorpach (Bealtaine 2013).

Both an environmental impact statement and a Natura impact statement have been prepared in respect of the proposed development. In addition, a Joint Environmental Report has been prepared by EirGrid plc and SONI Ltd in respect of the overall interconnector from County Tyrone to County Meath, having had regard to the European Commission Guidance on the Application of the Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure for Large-Scale Transboundary Projects (May 2013).

Is dócha go mbeidh tionchar suntasach ag an bhforbairt a bheartaítear ar an gcomhshaol i dTuaisceart Éireann, ceantar i mBallstát den Aontas Eorpach (i.e. Ríocht Aontaithe na Breataine agus Thuaisceart Éireann).

The proposed development is likely to have significant effects on the environment of Northern Ireland, an area of a Member State of the European Union (i.e. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

An Cinneadh

CEADÚ a thabhairt don fhorbairt bheartaithe thuasluaite faoi alt 182B den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000, arna leasú, de réir pleananna agus sonraí atá ráite, bunaithe ar na cúiseanna agus tuisceana thíos, agus faoi réir na gcoinníollacha leagtha amach thíos.

An méid suime a n-íocfaidh an t-iarratasóir a SHOCRÚ faoi alt 182B, arna leasú, mar atá sé leagtha amach i

Decision

APPROVE the proposed development under section 182B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, in accordance with the said plans and particulars based on the reasons and considerations under and subject to the conditions set out below.

DETERMINE under section 182B, as amended, the sum to be paid by the applicant in respect of costs

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Sceideal na gCostas thíos a bhaineann le costais an iarratais.

associated with the application as set out in the Schedule of Costs below.

Na hÁbhair a cuireadh san Áireamh

Ag déanamh a chinnidh, thug an Bord aird ar na nithe áirithe atá dualgas air, de bhua na n-Achtanna um Pleanáil agus Forbairt agus na Rialachán arna ndéanamh fúthu, aird a thabhairt dóibh. San áireamh bhí aon aighneacht agus tuairim a fuair an Bord faoi réir forálacha reachtúla.

Matters Considered

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard. Such matters included the submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions.

Cúiseanna agus Cúinsí

Ag déanamh a chinnidh dó thug an Bord aird ar na nithe seo a leanas:

(a) na buntáistí a ghlactar leo ar leibhéal an AE a thagann ó chomhcheangal eangacha leictreachais mar atá léirithe leis an bhforbairt atá beartaithe a ainmniú mar Thionscadal Leasa Choitinn (TLC),

(b) forálacha Straitéise Spáis Náisiúnta 2002-2020 na hÉireann ina gcuireadh béim ar neartú na ngréasán fuinnimh sna réigiúin.

(c) forálacha Pháipéar Bán an Rialtais 'Athrú sa todhchaí i gcás na hÉireann go geilleagar ísealcharbóin 2015-2030',

Reasons and Considerations

In coming to its decision, the Board had regard to the following:

(a) the benefits of integration of national electricity grids recognised at European Union level and reflected in the designation of the proposed development as a Project of Common Interest (PCI),

(b) the provisions of the National Spatial Strategy for Ireland 2002-2020, which seeks to strengthen energy networks in the regions,

(c) the provisions of the Government White Paper 'Ireland's Transition to a Low Carbon Energy Future 2015-2030',

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(d) forálacha sa pholasaí an Rialtais mar gheall ar an tábhacht straitéiseach a bhaineann leis an gcóras tarchurtha agus le bonneagar fuinnimh eile (2012),

(e) forálacha i straitéis fhorbairt ghréasáin EirGrid 'Do Ghréasán, Do Thuairimí, Do Thodhchaí' (2015),

(f) forálacha i 'Grid 25', straitéis EirGrid mar gheall ar fhorbairt na ngréasán tarchurtha,

(g) forálacha sna treoirlínte d'Údarás Réigiúnach na Teorann 2010-2022, agus forálacha sna Treoirlínte Pleanála Réigiúnacha do Mhórcheantar Bhaile Átha Cliath 2010-2022,

(h) na forálacha i bPlean Forbartha Contae Mhuineacháin 2013-2019; na forálacha i bPlean Forbartha Contae an Chabháin 2014-2020 agus na forálacha bPlean Forbartha Contae na Mí 2013-2019,

(i) na cáipéisí ar an gcomhad, san áireamh:

- (a) An ráiteas tionchair timpeallachta,
- (b) An ráiteas tionchair Natura,
- (c) An Tuarascáil Timpeallachta Chomhpháirteach,
- (d) Na haighneachtaí agus na tuairimí a rinneadh leis an iarratas chomh maith leis na

(d) the provisions of the 'Government Policy Statement on the Strategic Importance of Transmission and Other Energy Infrastructure' (2012),

(e) the provisions of EirGrid's grid development strategy 'Your Grid, Your Views, Your Tomorrow' (2015),

(f) the provisions of Grid 25, EirGrid's transmission network development strategy,

(g) the provisions of the Border Regional Authority Planning Guidelines 2010-2022, and the provisions of the Regional Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area 2010-2022,

(h) the provisions of the Monaghan County Development Plan 2013-2019; the provisions of the Cavan County Development Plan 2014-2020 and the provisions of the Meath County Development Plan 2013-2019,

(i) all documentation on file including:

- (a) The environment impact statement,
- (b) The Natura impact statement,
- (c) The Joint Environmental Report,
- (d) The submissions and observations made in respect of the application, including at the oral hearing,

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cinn a rinneadh ag an éisteacht ó bhéal,

(e) Freagra an iarratasóra ar aighneachtaí a rinneadh

(j) tuarascáil agus moladh an Chigire Pleanála Shinsearaigh.

Scagadh le haghaidh Measúnacht Chuí (Céim 1)

Thug an Bord faoi deara nach raibh an fhorbairt bainteach go díreach le haon láithreán Eorpach suíomh nó nach raibh aon ghá leis ó thaobh bhainistiú láithreán Eorpach.

Thug an Bord aird ar na nithe seo a leanas:

- an ráiteas tionchair Natura a seoladh leis an iarratas agus na cáipéisí ar an gcomhad,
- na haighneachtaí ó na húdaráis phleanála, ó na comhlachtaí forordaithe agus ó na breathnóirí san áireamh na cinn ón Roinn Ealaíon, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta a rinneadh le linn an iarratais agus le linn na héisteachta ó bhéal,
- Freagra an iarratasóra ar na haighneachtaí a fuarthas san áireamh an tuarascáil scagtha breise,

(e) The applicant's response to the submissions received, and

(j) the report and recommendation of the Senior Planning Inspector.

Appropriate Assessment Screening (Stage 1):

The Board noted that the proposed development is not directly connected with or necessary for the management of a European site.

The Board had regard to:

- the Natura impact statement submitted with the planning application and the documentation on file,
- the submissions from the planning authorities, prescribed bodies and from the observers, including from the Department of Arts Heritage and the Gaeltacht (DAHG), in the course of the application and at oral hearing stage,
- the applicant's response to the submissions received including the supplementary screening report,

- tuarascáil agus moladh an Chigire Shinsearaigh Pleanála dar dáta 14 Samhain, 2016, agus
- nóta an Chigire Shinsearaigh Pleanála dar dáta 5 Nollaig, 2016 a seoladh chuig an mBord faoin mbotún clóghrafach ar leathanach 601 dá tuarascáil pleanála.

Rinne an Bord scagadh le haghaidh measúnacht. Thug an Bord faoi deara go raibh measúnú déanta sa ráiteas tionchair Natura ar na láithreáin Eorpacha laistigh de raon 30 km, san áireamh measadh na láithreáin ábhartha Eorpacha atá lonnaithe i dTuaisceart na hĖireann de bharr speicis gluaiseachta a bheith ann ar nós éan geimhrithe. Rinneadh sa ráiteas tionchair Natura chomh maith measúnú ar na Limistéir faoi Chosaint Spesialta atá lonnaithe lasmuigh de raon 30km ón ón láithreáin staidéir (.i. Loch Uachtair agus Lochanna lena mBaineann Limisteir faoi Chosaint Spesialta, Loch Súilí LCS, Loch Feabhail LCS agus Loch nEathach agus Loch Beag LCS) mar tá an eala ghlórach ina speiceas cáilitheach sna suíomhanna seo.

D'aontaigh agus ghlac an Bord leis an scagadh le haghaidh measúnacht chuí a rinne an Cigire Sinsearach Pleanála

- the Senior Planning Inspector's report and recommendation dated the 14th day of November, 2016, and
- the Senior Planning Inspector's note to the Board dated the 5th day of December, 2016, pointing out the typographical error on page 601 of her planning report.

The Board completed a screening for appropriate assessment. The Board noted that the Natura impact statement considered European sites within a 30 kilometre radius, including relevant European sites in Northern Ireland due to the presence of mobile species such as wintering birds. The Natura impact statement also took into account several Special Protection Areas located at distances greater than 30 kilometres from the study area (i.e. Lough Oughter and Associated Loughs Special Protection Area, Lough Swilly Special Protection Area, Lough Foyle Special Protection Area and Lough Neagh and Lough Beg Special Protection Area) as the Whooper Swan is a qualifying interest for these sites.

The Board accepted and adopted the screening assessment carried out by the Senior Planning Inspector in

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le haghaidh láithreáin Eorpacha a shainaithint a d'fhéadfadh tionchair a bheith orthu, agus na tionchair shuntasacha a d'fhéadfadh a bheith ann de bharr na forbartha beartaithe, ina haonar nó i gcomhcheangal le pleananna nó le forbairtí eile, ar na láithreáin Eorpacha seo ó thaobh spriocanna caomhnaithe na láithreán de. Tá an Bord sásta nach mbeidh tionchar suntasach ag an bhforbairt atá beartaithe, ina haonar nó i gcomhcheangal le pleananna nó le forbairtí eile, ar ocht gcinn de na láithreáin Eorpacha seo a leanas:

- LCS Phortach Choillidh Chonnaidh (Cloch Bhaile Bhig) (Cód an Láithreáin: 000006);
- LCS na Rí agus Chartún (Cód an Láithreáin: 001398);
- LCS Chósta & Inbhear na Bóinne (Cód an Láithreáin: 001957);
- LCS Chuan Dhún Dealgan (Cód an Láithreáin: 000455);
- LCS Strabannan-Bhaile Uí Bhragáin (Cód an Láithreáin: 004091);
- LCS Chósta agus Inbhear na Bóinne (Cód an Láithreáin: 004080);
- LCS Shliabh na Beithí (Cód an Láithreáin: 004167);

respect of the identification of the European sites which could potentially be affected, and the identification and assessment of the potential likely significant effects of the proposed development, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, on these European sites in view of the sites' conservation objectives. The Board was satisfied that the proposed development, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on the following eight European sites:

- Killyconny Bog (Cloghbally) SAC (site code 000006);
- Rye Water Valley/Carton Special Area of Conservation (site code 001398);
- Boyne Coast and Estuary Special Area of Conservation (site code 001957);
- Dundalk Bay Special Area of Conservation (site code 000455);
- Stabannan-Braganstown Special Protection Area (site code 004091);
- Boyne Estuary Special Protection Area (site code 004080);
- Slieve Beagh Special Protection Area (site code 004167); and

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- LCS Shliabh na Beithí-an Mhullaigh Fhada-Lios na Scéithe (Cód an Láithreáin: UK902302)

Mar atá leagtha amach i dtuarascáil an Chigire Shinsearaigh Pleanála mheas an Bord an tuarascáil scagtha breise a rinne an t-iarratasóir mar fheagra ar na haighneachtaí a fuarthas agus faoi imní léirithe ag an Roinn Ealaíon, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta faoi thionchar *ex situ* a d'fhéadfadh a bheith ann ar na speicis imirceacha a bhaineann le Limistéir faoi Chosaint Speisialta in oirthear agus in oirdheisceart na tíre atá lonnaithe idir 40 agus 115 km ón limistéir staidéir. Thug an Bord faoi deara conclúid an iarratasóra sa thuarascáil scagtha breise nach bhfuil aon fhéidearthacht ann tionchar suntasach a bheith ann de bharr na forbartha beartaithe ar na speiceis cháilitheacha sna láithreáin Eorpacha atá luaite cheana féin (ealaí agus géanna imirceacha). D'aontaigh an Bord le moladh an Chigire Shinsearaigh Pleanála a mheas go raibh conclúid an iarratasóra réasúnta de bharr achar agus easpa ceangail atá ann idir na specis atá le fáil go comónta sa limistéir staidéir agus na Limisteir faoi Chosaint Spesialta araon (féach ar lch 601 Tuarascáil an Chigire Shinsearaigh Pleanála).

- Slieve Beagh-Mullaghfad-Lisnaskea Special Protection Area (EU code UK902302).

As set out in the Senior Planning Inspector's report the Board also considered the supplementary screening report prepared by the applicant in response to submissions received and the Department of Arts Heritage and Gaeltacht concerns in respect of potential ex-situ impacts on migratory species associated with Special Protection Areas in the east and south east of Ireland located between 40 and 115 kilometres from the study area. The Board noted the conclusion in the applicant's supplementary screening report that there is no possibility of significant effects arising from the proposed development that would impact significantly on the qualifying interests (migratory swans and geese) of the referenced European sites. The Board concurred with the Senior Planning Inspector who considered the applicant's conclusion to be "reasonable on the basis of distance and the absence of connectivity between species that are common to both the study area and the relevant Special Protection Areas" (ref. Senior

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Planning Inspector's Report, page 601).

Ina theannta sin d'aontaigh agus ghlac an Bord leis an scagadh le haghaidh measúnacht chuí a rinne an Cigire Sinsearach Pleanála go raibh seans ann tionchair shuntasacha a bheith ann ar ocht gcinn de na láithreáin Eorpacha seo:

- LCS na Bóinne agus na hAbhann Duibhe (Cód an Láithreáin: 002299)
- LCS na Bóinne agus na hAbhann Duibhe (Cód an Láithreáin: 004232)
- LCS Loch Éirne Uachtarach (Cód an Láithreáin: UK9020071)
- LCS Loch Uachtair agus Lochanna Lena mBaineann (Cód an Láithreáin: 004049)
- LCS Loch nEathach agus Loch Beag (Cód an Láithreáin:) UK9020091)
- LCS Loch Súilí (Cód an Láithreáin: 004075)
- LCS Loch Feabhail (Cód an Láithreáin: 004087)
- LCS Chuan Dhún Dealgan (Cód an Láithreáin: 004026)

The Board further accepted and adopted the screening assessment carried out by the Board's Senior Planning Inspector, which concluded that there are eight European sites for which there is a possibility of significant effects:

- River Boyne and River Blackwater Special Area of Conservation (site code 002299);
- River Boyne and River Blackwater Special Protection Area (site code 004232);
- Upper Lough Erne Special Protection Area (EU code UK9020071);
- Lough Oughter and Associated Loughs SPA (site code 004049);
- Lough Neagh and Lough Beg Special Protection Area (EU code UK9020091);
- Lough Swilly Special Protection Area (site code 004075);
- Lough Foyle Special Protection Area (site code 004087); and
- Dundalk Bay Special Protection Area (site code 004026).

Measúnacht Chuí (Céim II)

Rinne an Bord machnamh ar an eolas ar fad a bhí le fáil sa mheasúnacht scagtha agus a bhí le fáil sna cáipéisí

Appropriate Assessment (Stage II):

The Board considered all of the information referred to in the above screening assessment and all of the

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ábhartha atá luaite sna cúiseanna agus sna cúinsí thuas agus bhí an Bord den tuairim go raibh an t-eolas a bhí os a chomhair leordhóthanach gur féidir measúnacht chuí a dhéanamh. Ag tabhairt airde ar na cáipéisí thuasluaite agus ar mheasúnacht an Chigire Shinsearaigh Pleanála, rinne an Bord measúnacht chuí ar thionchair na forbartha beartaithe a d'fhéadfadh a bheith ar na hocht gcinn de na láithreáin Eorpacha seo a leanas:

- Limistéar faoi Chaomhnú Speisialta na Bóinne agus na hAbhann Duibhe (Cód Láithreáin: 002299)
- Limistéar faoi Chosaint Spesialta na Bóinne agus na hAbhann Duibhe (Cód Láithreáin: 004232)
- Limistéar faoi Chosaint Spesialta Loch Éirne Uachtarach (Cód Láithreáin: UK9020071)
- Loch Uachtair agus Lochanna Lena mBaineann (Cód Láithreáin: 004049)
- Limistéar faoi Chosaint Spesialta Loch nEathach agus Loch Beag (Cód Láithreáin UK9020091)
- Limistéar faoi Chosaint Spesialta Loch Súilí (Cód Láithreáin: 004075)
- LCS Loch Feabhail (Cód Láithreáin: 004087)

relevant documentation referred to in the reasons and considerations, above, and concluded that the information before it was adequate to allow the carrying out of an appropriate assessment. Having regard to all the documentation referred to and the Senior Planning Inspector's assessment, the Board completed an appropriate assessment of the impacts of the proposed development on the following eight European sites:

- River Boyne and River Blackwater Special Area of Conservation (site code 002299);
- River Boyne and River Blackwater Special Protection Area (site code 004232);
- Upper Lough Erne Special Protection Area (EU code UK9020071);
- Lough Oughter & Associated Loughs Special Protection Area (site code 004049);
- Lough Neagh and Lough Beg Special Protection Area (EU code UK9020091);
- Lough Swilly Special Protection Area (site code 004075);
- Lough Foyle Special Protection Area (site code 004087); and

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- LCS Chuan Dhún Dealgan (Cód Láithreáin: 004026)

Cheap an Bord go raibh sé réasúnach a mheas bunaithe ar eolas an chomhaid, agus mheas an Bord go raibh an t-eolas seo leordhóthanach gur féidir Measúnacht Chuí (Céim 2) a dhéanamh, nach ndéanfadh an fhorbairt atá beartaithe, ina haonar nó i gcomhcheangal le pleananna nó le forbairtí eile dochar do shláine d'aon láithreán Eorpacha ó thaobh spriocanna caomhnaithe na láithreán de, go háirithe an Limistéar faoi Chaomhnú Speisialta na Bóinne agus na hAbhann Duibhe (Cód an Láithreáin: 002299) nó don Limistéar faoi Chosaint Spesialta na Bóinne agus na hAbhann Duibhe (Cód an Láithreáin: 004232). Agus sin á dhéanamh ghlac an Bord le tuarascáil an Chigire Shinsearaigh Pleanála.

Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta

Rinne an Bord ráiteas tionchair timpeallachta ar an bhforbairt bheartaithe, agus mar chuid den sin á gcur san áireamh:

- nádúr, scála, méid agus bealach na forbartha beartaithe;
- ráiteas tionchair timpeallachta a seoladh leis an iarratas;
- na haighneachtaí ó na húdaráis phleanála, ó na comhlachtaí

- Dundalk Bay Special Protection Area (site code 004026).

The Board considered that it was reasonable to conclude on the basis of the information on the file, which the Board considered to be adequate to carry out Appropriate Assessment (Stage 2), that the proposed development, individually or in combination with other plans or projects would not adversely affect the integrity of any European site, in particular the River Boyne and River Blackwater Special Area of Conservation (site code 002299) or the River Boyne and River Blackwater Special Protection Area (site code 004232), in view of the sites' conservation objectives. In doing so, the Board adopted the report of the Senior Planning Inspector.

Environmental Impact Assessment:

The Board completed an environmental impact assessment of the proposed development, taking into account:

- the nature, scale, extent and route of the proposed development;
- the environmental impact statement submitted with the application;

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forordaithe agus ó na breathnóirí san áireamh na cinn a rinneadh le linn an iarratais agus le linn na héisteachta ó bhéal,

- freagra an iarratasóra ar na haighneachtaí a fuarthas,
- tuarascáil agus moladh an Chigire Shinsearaigh Pleanála dar dáta 14 Samhain, 2016, agus

Mheas an Bord an ráiteas tionchair timpeallachta i dtaca leis an bhFreagra faoi na hÁbhair a bhí dúisithe sa cháipéis Aighneachtaí/Tuairimí agus as na cáipéisí seo meastar go raibh na héifeachtaí díreacha agus indíreacha a bhaineann leis an bhforbairt aitheanta go sásúil agus cur síos déanta fúthu go cuí.

Rinne an Bord ráiteas tionchair timpeallachta maidir leis an bhforbairt bheartaithe agus chinn an Bord, agus an fhorbairt curtha i gcríoch de réir na gcoinníollacha atá leagtha amach thíos, san áireamh curtha i gcríoch de réir na mbeart maolaithe go mbeadh tionchar na forbartha beartaithe ar an timpeallacht inghlactha. Agus sin á dhéanamh ghlac an Bord le tuarascáil an Chigire Shinsearaigh Pleanála.

- the submissions from the planning authorities, prescribed bodies and from the observers in the course of the application, including submissions made to the oral hearing;
- the applicant's response to the submissions received;
- the Senior Planning Inspector's report and recommendation dated the 14th day of November, 2016;

The Board considered that the environmental impact statement, supported by the "Response to the Issues Raised in the Submissions/Observations" document, identifies and describes adequately the direct and indirect effects of the proposed development on the environment.

The Board completed an environmental impact assessment in relation to the proposed development and concluded, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, including compliance with the mitigation measures proposed, that the impact of the proposed development on the environment would be acceptable. In doing so the

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Board adopted the report of the Senior Planning Inspector.

Conclúidí maidir le Pleanáil Chuí agus le Forbairt Inbhuanaithe

Meastar, i gcás na forbartha beartaithe:

- go mbeadh tacaíocht ann le príomhchuspóirí bheartas fuinnimh an AE agus na tíre ó thaobh inbhuanaitheachta agus iomaíochta de agus le haghaidh slándáil an tsoláthair a chinntiú,
- go mbeadh dul i ngleic leis na srianta reatha a chuireann cosc ar shruth an leictreachais idir Éire agus Tuaisceart na hÉireann, rud a fhágann go mbeadh feabhas ar shlándáil an tsoláthair agus go mbeidh gréasán leictreachais níos éifeachtúla ann ar bhonn uile-oileáin agus cuirfidh sé le comhcheangal ghréasán na hEorpa chomh maith,
- go gcabhródh sé le leathanú úsáid fhoinsí in-athnuaite fuinnimh rud a fhágann i gcás na hÉireann agus Thuaisceart na hÉireann go mbeadh sé níos éasca spriocanna dlíthiúla ó thaobh astaíochtaí gás ceaptha

Conclusions in relation to Proper Planning and Sustainable Development:

It is considered that the proposed development:

- would support the core objectives of European and national energy policy of sustainability, security of supply and competitiveness,
- would address existing restrictions that limit cross border electricity flows between Ireland and Northern Ireland, which would enhance security of supply and facilitate the more efficient operation of the single electricity market on an all-island basis and a wider integrated European electricity network,
- would facilitate greater penetration of renewable energy allowing both Ireland and Northern Ireland to meet legally binding greenhouse gas emission targets, and provide benefits to the economies of both Ireland and Northern

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teasa a chomhlíonadh. Bheadh buntáistí ann dá bharr d'Éirinn, do Thuaisceart na hÉireann agus do thomhaltóirí dá gcuid,

- go mbeadh sé ina réiteach is cuí agus is éifeachtaí ó thaobh costais de chuid dul i ngleic leis na riachtanais reatha a bhaineann leis an Idirnascaire Thuaidh-Theas,
- go mbeadh sé ar aon dul leis na polasaithe náisiúnta, leis na treoracha náisiúnta, leis na polasaithe réigiúnacha agus forbartha áitiúla araon,
- nach mbeadh tionchar díobhálach ar áiseanna tírdhreacha nó radhairc na háite sna ceantair ina mbeidh bealach na forbartha suite,
- nach gcuirfeadh an fhorbairt isteach go dona ar charachtar nó ar thréithe a bhaineann leis an oidhreacht ailtireachta nó tíreolaíochta,
- nach mbeadh tionchar do-ghlactha i gceist ar áiseanna tírdhreacha nó radhairc na háite sa chomharsanacht ina mbeidh bealach na forbartha,
- nach mbeadh tionchar díobhálach ar éiceolaíocht na háite, san áireamh ar shaol na n-

Ireland and for individual consumers,

- would be the most appropriate and cost effective solution to satisfy the current requirements of the proposed North-South Interconnector development,
- would be in accordance with national policies and guidance, and with regional and local development policies,
- would not seriously injure the amenities of, or properties in, the wider area through which it is routed,
- would not seriously detract from the character or setting of features of architectural or archaeological heritage,
- would not have unacceptable impacts on the visual or landscape amenities in the wider area through which it is routed,
- would not seriously injure the ecology of the area, including bird life, protected species and

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éan, ar speicis chosanta agus ar ghnáthóga cosanta agus ar na limistéir atá faoi chosaint timpeallachta,

- nach mbeadh dochar ann do hidreolaíocht na do hidrigeolaíocht na háite,
- nach mbeadh baol tuilte nó nach mbeadh an baol sin níos measa,
- go mbeadh sé inghlactha maidir le sábháilteacht agus le háisiúlacht tráchta, agus
- nach mbeadh tionchair thrasteorann shuntasacha dá bharr.

Meastar dá bhrí sin gur go mbeadh an bhforbairt bheartaithe agus í curtha i gcríoch de réir na gcoinníollacha atá leagtha amach thíos, san áireamh curtha i gcríoch de réir na mbearta maolaithe mar atá leagtha amach sa ráiteas tionchair timpeallachta, ráiteas tionchair Natura agus sa bhFreagra faoi na hÁbhair a bhí dúisithe sa cháipéis Aighneachtaí/Tuairimí ar aon dul le pleanáil chuí agus le forbairt inchothaithe an limistéir.

COINNÍOLLACHA

1. a) Cuirfear i bhfeidhm agus críochnófar an fhorbairt bheartaithe de réir na bpleananna agus na sonraí a cuireadh isteach leis an iarratas le haghaidh

habitats, and areas designated for environmental protection,

- would not adversely affect the hydrology or hydrogeology of the area,
- would not give rise to the risk of, or exacerbation of, flooding,
- would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience,
- would not be prejudicial to public health or safety, and
- would not result in significant transboundary impacts.

In conclusion, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, including compliance with the mitigation measures set out in the environmental impact statement, the Natura impact statement and the 'Response to the Issues Raised in the Submissions/Observations' document, the proposed development would be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

CONDITIONS

1. a) The proposed development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application

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ceadú a fháil ar an 9 Meitheamh 2015, agus de réir an eolais bhreise a seoladh mar chuid den bhFreagra faoi na hÁbhair a bhí dúisithe sa cháipéis Aighneachtaí/Tuairimí a taisceadh ar an 19 Deireadh Fómhair 2015, ach amháin faoi mar a d'fhéadfadh a bheith riachtanach chun na coinníollacha seo a leanas a chomhlíonadh. I gcás gur gá sonraí a bhaineann leis na coinníollacha a aontú leis an údarás pleanála, aontóidh an gnóthaire na sonraí sin i scríbhinn leis an údarás pleanála sin sula gcuirfear tús leis an bhforbairt agus déanfar an fhorbairt agus tabharfar chun críche í de réir na sonraí aontaithe.

for approval to An Bord Pleanála on the 9th day of June 2015, and the further information, received by An Bord Pleanála by way of the 'Response to the Issues Raised in Submissions/Observations' document lodged on the 19th day of October 2015, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions. Where such conditions require details to be agreed with the relevant planning authority, the undertaker shall agree such details in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development and the development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

b) Cuirfear i bhfeidhm go hiomlán na bearta maolaithe timpeallachta atá leagtha amach sa Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta agus sa Ráiteas Tionchair Natura agus sna cáipéisí a chuir an gnóthaire leis an iarratas agus de réir an eolais bhreise a fuair an Bord Pleanála a seoladh mar chuid den bhFreagra faoi na hÁbhair a bhí dúisithe sa cháipéis Aighneachtaí/Tuairimí a taisceadh ar an 19 Deireadh Fómhair 2015, ach amháin faoi mar a d'fhéadfadh a bheith

b) All environmental mitigation measures set out in the Environmental Impact Statement, Natura impact statement, and associated documentation submitted by the undertaker with the application and the further information received by An Bord Pleanála by way of the 'Response to the Issues Raised in Submissions/Observations' document lodged on the 19th day of October 2015, shall be implemented in full, except as may otherwise be required

riachtanach chun na coinníollacha seo a leanas a chomhlíonadh.

Cúis: Ar mhaithe le soiléireacht agus le cosaint timpeallachta.

2. Sula gcuirfear tús leis an bhforbairt ceapfar Oifigigh ná Oifigeach Teagmhála Pobail Talmhaíochta agus beidh freagracht ar an duine/na daoine sin dul i dteagmháil le húinéirí talún roimh agus i rith thréimhse na tógála, chun saincheisteanna a bhaineann leis an tógáil agus a bhaineann le húinéirí, a aithint, san áireamh prótacail a bhaineann le galar, más ábhartha, de réir na mbeart atá leagtha amach san iarratas le haghaidh ceadú, agus ina dhiaidh le linn thréimhse oibríochta na forbartha.

Cúis: Chun a chinntiú go mbeidh an fhorbairt curtha i gcríoch agus i bhfeidhm go sásúil ó thaobh gníomhaíochtaí talmhaíochta de.

3. Sula gcuirfear tús leis an bhforbairt, seolfar plean bainistíochta tógála agus timpeallachta, plean bainistíochta tráchta agus plean bainistíochta dramhaíola chuig an údarás pleanála ábhartha agus aontófar é leis an údarás i scríbhinn tar éis dul i gcomhairle leis na gníomhaireachtaí ábhartha reachtúla san áireamh

in order to comply with the conditions of this order.

Reason: In the interest of clarity and environmental protection.

2. Prior to the commencement of development, an Agricultural Liaison Officer or Officers shall be appointed and shall be responsible for liaison with landowners, prior to and during the construction phase of the project, to identify and address issues of concern to individual landowners including disease protocols, if relevant, in accordance with the measures set out in the application for approval, and thereafter for the operational phase of the development.

Reason: To ensure the satisfactory completion and operation of the development in the context of agricultural activities.

3. Prior to the commencement of development, a construction and environmental management plan, a traffic management plan and a waste management plan shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the relevant planning authority following consultations with relevant statutory agencies, including Inland Fisheries

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Iascaigh Intíre Éireann agus an Roinn Ealaíon, Oidhreachta, Gnóthaí Réigiúnacha Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta, agus Uisce Éireann. Sa phlean beidh na bearta maolaithe atá leagtha amach sa ráiteas tionchair timpeallachta agus aon bheart eile más gá ann dó. Ina theannta sin beidh sonraí ann maidir leis an gcleachtas tógála a bheidh i bhfeidhm agus san áireamh beidh sonraí mar gheall ar:

(a) sonraí maidir le suirbhé chuí geoifisiceach faoi shuíomhanna tógála i gcomharsanacht na dtúr 103 go 118,

(b) bearta leagtha amach ionas gur féidir comhlíonadh le pleananna ábhartha bainistithe dramhaíola a thaispeáint,

(c) sonraí chun rochtain shealadach a fháil i gcás gach suíomh, san áireamh más gá beidh

(i) socruithe ar mhéid na bhfeithiclí íoschéimnithe,
(ii) socruithe chun ábhair a dhíluchtú,
(iii) socruithe i dtaobh bóithre a dhúnadh go sealadach,
(iv) na céimithe i gcás oibreacha tógála nuair

Ireland and the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, and Irish Water. This plan shall incorporate the mitigation measures indicated in the environmental impact statement and shall provide details of intended construction practice for the proposed development, including:

(a) details of appropriate geophysical survey in respect of construction sites in the vicinity of towers 103 to 118,

(b) measures to demonstrate compliance with the relevant regional waste management plans,

(c) site specific arrangements for each temporary access route, to include, where necessary:

(i) arrangements for stepping down vehicle size,
(ii) arrangements for off-loading of materials,
(iii) short term road closures,

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atá rochtain orthu trí charrbhealaigh lána amháin, agus

(v) na socruithe iompair and bainistíochta chun déileáil le coincréit, san áireamh sonraí mar gheall ar shocruithe glanta,

(d) socruithe le haghaidh suirbhé bóithre a dhéanamh roimh thógáil na mbóithre agus ina ndiaidh. Críochnófar na cinn roimh an tógáil trí mhí sula gcuirfear tús leis an bhforbairt,

(e) Sonraí faoi na háiteanna chun monatóireacht a dhéanamh ar chaighdeán uisce agus na prótacail atá beartaithe i leith léinseach uisce dromchla,

(f) Sonraí monatóireachta faoi chaighdeán uisce agus leibhéal uisce sna toibreacha laistigh de 100 méadar den ailíniú atá beartaithe,

(iv) the phasing of construction works which are accessed by single lane carriageways, and

(v) the arrangements for the transfer and management of concrete, including wash out facilities,

(d) arrangements for the completion of pre and post-construction road surveys. The pre-construction survey shall be completed three months prior to the commencement of the development,

(e) details of the locations for water quality monitoring and the proposed water quality monitoring protocols in respect of surface water bodies,

(f) details of monitoring of water levels and water quality in wells within 100 metres of the proposed alignment,

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(g) sonraí chun smacht a choinneáil ar dheannach ag suíomhanna tógála, agus

(h) sonraí faoin nós imeachta chun réiteach a fháil ar ábhair nó ar imní an phobail.

I rith tréimhse thógáil na forbartha déanfaidh duine oiriúnach atá cáilithe i gceart monatóireacht ar na tógáil ionas go gcloífear leis na bearta maolaithe atá leagtha amach sa ráiteas tionchair timpeallachta agus sa bhFreagra faoi na hÁbhair a bhí dúisithe sa cháipéis Aighneachtaí/Tuairimí. Beidh taifeadadh laethúil á dhéanamh maidir le comhlíonadh na gcoinníollacha atá leagtha amach sa phlean bainistíochta tógála agus timpeallachta agus beidh an taifead seo ar fáil ionas gur féidir leis an údarás pleanála ábhartha é a scrúdú. Seolfar tuairiscí monatóireachta don údarás pleanála ábhartha agus d'aon eagrais reachtúla ábhartha eile i gcomhréir le ceanglais an údaráis phleanála ábhartha.

Cúis: Ar mhaithe le háiseanna na háite a chosaint, le bainistíocht inbhuanaithe dramhaíola, uisce dromchla a chosaint ó thruailliú, cosaint a thabhairt do

(g) means to control dust at construction sites, and

(h) details of liaison procedures to resolve any issues or community concerns.

Monitoring of the construction phase of the development shall be carried out by a suitably qualified person to ensure that all mitigation measures contained in the environmental impact statement and the Response to the Issues Raised in Submissions/ Observations document are implemented. A record of daily checks that works are being undertaken in accordance with the construction environmental management plan shall be available for inspection by the relevant planning authority. Monitoring reports shall be submitted to the relevant planning authority and other relevant statutory bodies in accordance with the requirements of the relevant planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of protecting the amenities of the area, sustainable waste management, preventing

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ghnáthóga reatha agus ar mhaithe le sábháilteacht tráchta.

4. Sula gcuirfear tús leis an bhforbairt aontóidh an gnóthaire prótacail faoi shuirbhéanna deimhniúcháin leis na húdaráis phleanála ábhartha agus déanfar iad tar éis dul i gcomhairle leis an tSeirbhís Páirceanna Náisiúnta agus Fiadhúlra. I gcás de bharr na suirbhéanna go n-aithneofar speicis a mbeidh stádas caomhantais ag baint leo, cuirfear bearta lena gcosaint sa phlean bainistíochta tógála agus timpeallachta.

Cúis: Chun cosaint a thabhairt do ghnáthóga na speiceas cosanta.

5. Éascóidh an gnóthaire measúnú seandálaíochta a dhéanamh ar an suíomh le haghaidh caomhnú, taifeadadh agus cosaint a dhéanamh d'aon ábhar nó do ghné sheandálaíochta a d'fhéadfadh a bheith laistigh den láithreán. Chuige sin, caithfidh an gnóthaire:

   (a) cur in iúl don údarás pleanála ábhartha i scríbhinn ar a laghad ceithre seachtaine roimh thús aon oibríochta láithreáin (lena n-áirítear imscrúduithe hidreolaíochta

pollution of surface waters, protection of existing habitats, and traffic safety.

4. Prior to the commencement of development, the undertaker shall agree with the relevant planning authorities, following consultation with the National Parks and Wildlife Service, a protocol for pre-construction verification surveys. In the event of these surveys identifying species of conservation interest, measures for their protection shall be incorporated into the construction environmental management plan.

Reason: In the interest of protecting the ecology of the area.

5. The undertaker shall facilitate the archaeological appraisal of the site and shall provide for the preservation, recording and protection of archaeological materials or features which may exist within the site. In this regard, the undertaker shall:

   (a) notify the relevant planning authority in writing at least four weeks prior to the commencement of any site operation (including hydrological and geotechnical

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agus geotheicniúlachta) a bhaineann leis an bhforbairt bheartaithe, agus

(b) fostóidh an gnóthaire seandálaí cáilithe go cuí sula gcuirfear tús leis an bhforbairt. Déanfaidh an seandálaí meastóireacht ar an suíomh agus faireachán ar na hoibreacha forbartha láithreáin.

Mar chuid den mheasúnacht tabharfar aghaidh ar na nithe seo a leanas:

i. nádúr agus suíomh na n-ábhar seandálaíochta ar an láithreán, agus
ii. tionchar na forbartha beartaithe ar ábhar seandálaíochta de shórt sin.

Seolfar tuarascáil ina mbeidh na torthaí measúnaithe chuig an údarás pleanála ábhartha agus de bharr na measúnaithe aontóidh an gnóthaire sonraí leis an údarás pleanála mar gheall ar aon cheanglas breise a d'fhéadfadh a bheith ag teastáil (san áireamh, más gá, tochailt seandálaíochta) sula gcuirfear tús leis na hoibreacha tógála.

Cheal comhaontaithe ar aon cheann de na riachtanais sin, tarchuirfear an t-

investigations) relating to the proposed development, and

(b) employ a suitably-qualified archaeologist prior to the commencement of development who shall assess the site and monitor all site development works.

The assessment shall address the following issues:

i. the nature and location of archaeological material on the site, and
ii. the impact of the proposed development on such archaeological material.

A report, containing the results of the assessment, shall be submitted to the relevant planning authority and, arising from this assessment, the undertaker shall agree in writing with the planning authority details regarding any further archaeological requirements (including, if necessary, archaeological excavation) prior to commencement of construction works.

In default of agreement on any of these requirements, the matter shall

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ábhar go dtí an Bord Pleanála lena chinneadh.

Cúis: D'fhonn oidhreacht seandálaíochta na háite a chaomhnú agus i dtreo is gur féidir aon iarsmaí seandálaíochta a d'fhéadfadh a bheith ar an suíomh a chaomhnú agus a chosaint (in situ nó trí thaifead).

6. Sula gcuirfear tús leis an bhforbairt aontóidh an gnóthaire clár monatóireachta faoin Eala Ghlórach leis an údaráis pleanála ábhartha tar éis dul i gcomhairle leis an tSeirbhís Páirceanna Náisiúnta agus Fiadhúlra. Beidh an clár monatóireachta bunaithe ar chaighdeán dheachleachtais agus beidh sonraí mar chuid den chlár faoi shuíomhanna, mhinicíocht, thréimhsí ama agus mhodheolaíocht. Seolfar cóip de thorthaí faoin gclár monatóireachta chuig an údarás pleanála agus chuig an tSeirbhís Páirceanna Náisiúnta agus Fiadhúlra.

Cúis: Chun a chinntiú go gcuirfear monatóireacht chuí i bhfeidhm ar thionchar na forbartha ar an Eala Ghlórach.

7. Seolfar bailchríocha seachtracha maidir leis an gclós stórála ina gcuirfear na

be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

Reason: In order to conserve the archaeological heritage of the area and to secure the preservation (in-situ or by record) and protection of any archaeological remains that may exist within the site.

6. Prior to commencement of development, the undertaker shall agree a monitoring programme for the Whooper Swan, with the relevant planning authority, following consultation with the National Parks and Wildlife Service. The monitoring programme shall be based on standard good practice and shall include details in respect of location, frequency, duration and methodology. A copy of the results of the monitoring programme shall be submitted to the relevant planning authority and to the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

Reason: To ensure appropriate monitoring of the impact of the development on Whooper Swans.

7. Prior to the commencement of development, details of the external

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hábhair tógála chuig an údarás pleanála ábhartha chun aontú a fháil agus seolfar sonraí mar gheall ar an suíomh a athchóiriú agus an clár ama a bhaineann leis.

Cúis: Ar mhaithe le taitneamhach amhairc.

8. Cosnófar na dromchlaí bóthair, na huiscebhealaí, tóchair, ciumhaiseanna agus tailte poiblí i rith thréimhse na tógála agus i gcás aon damáiste caithfear iad a athbhunú chun sástacht an údaráis phleanála ábhartha. Aontófar na sonraí le haghaidh sin leis an údarás pleanála ábhartha sula gcuirfear tús leis an bhforbairt agus déanfar suirbhé sula gcuirfear tús leis an bhforbairt agus nuair a bheidh an tógáil críochnaithe ina diaidh.

Cúis: Chun a chinntiú go mbeidh an fhorbairt curtha i gcrích go sásúil.

9. Sula gcuirfear tús leis an bhforbairt, caithfidh an gnóthaire suim airgid, banna ó chuideachta árachais, nó urrús eile a bheith sásúil don údarás pleanála, a thabhairt don údarás pleanála ionas go ndeiseofar aon bhóthar poiblí i gcás ina ndéantar damáiste dóibh de bharr

appearance of the construction materials storage yard, and also the restoration of the site, including a time scale for implementation, shall be submitted to, and agreed with, the relevant planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

8. All road surfaces, culverts, watercourses, verges and public lands shall be protected during construction and, in the case of any damage occurring, shall be reinstated to the satisfaction of the relevant planning authority. Details in this regard, including a survey prior to construction and post construction, shall be agreed with the relevant planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In order to ensure a satisfactory standard of development.

9. Prior to the commencement of development, the undertaker shall lodge with the relevant planning authority a cash deposit, a bond of an insurance company, or other security to secure the satisfactory reinstatement of all public roads damaged as a result of activities

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gníomhaíochtaí a bhaineann le tógáil na forbartha, nasctha le comhaontú ag tabhairt an chumhacht don údarás pleanála ábhartha an t-urrús seo, nó aon chuid de, a úsáid chun aon chuid den fhorbairt a athchóiriú. Bíodh foirm agus méid an urrúis mar a aontófar idir an údarás pleanála ábhartha agus an gnóthaire, nó ceal aontú, seolfar iad chuig An Bord Pleanála chun iad a shocrú.

Cúis: Chun a chinntiú go n-athbhunófar an gréasán bóithre go sásúil.

related to construction of the proposed development, coupled with an agreement empowering the relevant planning authority to apply such security or part thereof to the reinstatement of such roads. The form and amount of the security shall be as agreed between the relevant planning authority and the undertaker or, in default of agreement the details shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory reinstatement of the road network.

NÓTAÍ

1. Rialachán (AE) Uimh. 347/2013 faoi Thionscadal Leasa Choitinn (TLC).

Ghlac an Bord go raibh ceist mar gheall ar an TLC dúisithe mar ábhar ag na breathnóirí agus rinneadh tagairt dó i dtuarascáil an Chigire.

Mheas an Bord, in ainneoin nach raibh stádas TLC ag baint leis, gur léiríodh an gá leis an bhforbairt agus go raibh an gá chaighdeán chóras fuinnimh ar hoileán na hÉireann a fheabhsú léirithe go soiléir, mar atá leagtha amach sna cúiseanna agus sna cúinsí.

NOTES

1. Project of Common Interest (PCI) - Regulation (EU) No. 347/2013.

The Board acknowledged that the matter of PCI was raised by observers and was referred to in the Inspector's report.

The Board considered that, even in the absence of PCI status, the need for the project and the need to improve the quality of energy transmission in the island of Ireland has been clearly established, as set out in the reasons and considerations.

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Ag déanamh a chinnidh sa chás seo níor mheas an Rannóg Bonneagair Straitéisigh i mBord Pleanála ach amháin na hábhair a bhaineann leis an iarratas Fhorbairt Bonneagair Straitéisigh agus go háirithe leis na hábhair a tháinig chun cinn maidir le Measúnacht Chuí, Measúnacht Tionchair Timpeallachta agus abhάir a bhaineann le pleanáil chuí agus le forbairt inchothaithe. Níor mheas an Bord go raibh aon deacracht i gceist ó thaobh an ról riaracháin faoi leith atá ag an mBord mar Údarás Inniúil i gcás Tionscadail Leasa Choitinn.

2. Leas don Phobal

Thug an Bord faoi deara bearta an iarratasóra ar mhaithe le leas an phobail mar atá leagtha amach in Alt 5.5.3 i dTuarascáil Pleanála. Mheas an Bord go raibh an méid seo soiléir, ach amháin go raibh gá mionsonraí a chinntiú agus mheas an Bord chomh maith nach raibh gá bearta an iarratasóra a athrú nó iad a threisiú le haghaidh sin trí choinníoll pleanála.

Maidir leis an gcoinníoll uimhir 3 atá leagtha amach i dtuarascáil an Chigire ní raibh an Bord sásta go raibh gá leis

In reaching the decision in this case the Strategic Infrastructure Division of An Bord Pleanala confined its decision to the matters pertinent to the SID application and in particular issues arising in respect of Appropriate Assessment, Environmental Impact Assessment and the consideration of the proper planning and sustainable development. The Board did not consider that it was conflicted in any way by the separate administrative role fulfilled by An Bord Pleanala as the Competent Authority for Projects of Common Interest.

2. Community Gain

The Board noted the applicant's proposals in respect of community gain as set out under Section 5.5.3 of the Planning Report. The Board considered that the approach was clearly stated, with only minor details to be finalised, and did not consider it necessary to modify the applicant's proposal or to re-inforce the applicant's commitment in this regard by means of a planning condition.

In respect of Condition No. 3 attached to the Inspector's report the Board was not satisfied regarding the need

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an gcoinníoll agus dá bhrí sin cuireadh ar leataobh an coinníoll molta sin.

3. Thug an Bord faoi deara dearcadh am Chigire nach mbeifeá ag súil le haon damáiste struchtúrach do mhaoin a eascróidh as creathadh a bhaineann leis an tógáil. D'aontaigh an Bord go ginearálta leis na dearcadh seo agus dá bhrí sin ní raibh aon ghá coinníoll uimhir 5(g) a bhí molta a chur leis an gcoinníoll.

4. Mar gheall ar an Eastát Bhriotáis agus tar éis machnamh cúramach a dhéanamh ar an ábhar mheas an Bord go raibh an líne lasnairge inghlactha in ainneoin na ndrochthionchar ar an eastát. Ag déanamh an chinnidh seo níor thug an Bord aird faoi leith an raibh nó nach raibh fáil ag an bpobal ar an diméin.

for the condition and, therefore, decided to the remove recommended condition number 3.

3. The Board noted the Inspector's view that she would not anticipate any structural damage to properties arising as a consequence of ground vibration during construction. The Board generally concurred with this view and decided that it was not necessary to attach recommended condition number 5(g).

4. In relation to the Brittas Estate, and following careful consideration, the Board concluded that the selected overhead line route was acceptable, notwithstanding the negative impacts on the estate. In reaching this conclusion, the Board did not give particular weight to whether, or not, the demesne was accessible to the public.

SCEIDEAL NA gCOSTAS

De réir alt 182B den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000, arna leasú, éilíonn an Bord go n-íocfaidh an t-iarratasóir na costais seo a leanas:

SCHEDULE OF COSTS

In accordance with section 182B of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Board requires the following costs to be paid by the applicant:

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Íocfar do Chomhairle Contae an Chabháin, costais réasúnta tabhaithe seo: €2,958
Maidir le cinneadh an iarratais

To Cavan County Council, being reasonable costs incurred: €2,958
In consideration of the application

Íocfar do Chomhairle Contae na Mí, costais réasúnta tabhaithe seo: €29,127 Maidir le cinneadh an iarratais

To Meath County Council, being reasonable costs incurred: €29,127
In consideration of the application

Íocfar do Chomhairle Contae Mhuineacháin, costais réasúnta tabhaithe seo: €24,312. Maidir le cinneadh an iarratais

To Monaghan County Council, being reasonable costs incurred: €24,312
In consideration of the application

De réir alt 182B den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000, arna leasú, aisíocfaidh An Bord Pleanála an méid seo táillí leis an ngnóthaire: Is é an méid seo ná €505,128.

In accordance with the provisions of section 182B of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the reimbursement of fees by An Bord Pleanála to the undertaker amounts to: €505,128.

Nóta: Tá míniú ar an méid atá thuasluaite ar fáil san Aguisín 1 i gceangal leis seo.

Note: An explanation of the above is set out in the attached Appendix 1.

Nicholas Mulcahy

Ball den Bhord Pleanála a bhfuil údarás aige/aici séala an Bhord a fhíordheimhniú

Member of An Bord Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Board.

Dátaithe ar an 19ú **lá seo de** Nollag, **2016**

An Bord Pleanála

VA0017

Foscríbhinn 1/ Appendix 1

Forbairt Bonneagair Straitéisigh — **Strategic Infrastructure Development**

Costais an Iarratais — **Cost of determining the Application**

Uimhir Chomhaid: VA0017 — **File Number: VA0017**

An Fhorbairt: Idirnascaire Thuaidh-Theas — **Development:** North-South Interconnector

Suim le híoc don Bhord mar gheall ar chostas chinneadh an iarratais — **Sum to be paid to the Board towards the costs of determining the application.**

1	Costais an Bhoird Pleanála	An Bord Pleanála's Costs	€
(a)	**Na costais bunaithe ar am Chigirí**	**Costs based on Inspectors' time**	
	Cigire (comhairliúchán réamhiarratais)	Inspector (pre- application consultation)	6,273
	Cigire 1 (iarratas)	Inspector 1 (application)	507,129
	Cigire 2 (iarratas)	Inspector 2 (application)	63,054
	Cigire (staidreamh scóipe)	Inspector (scoping)	11,439
(b)	An méid costas a sonraíodh don Bhord Pleanála	Costs invoiced to An Bord Pleanála	61,884

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(c)	Costais inmhuirearaithe san iomlán	Total chargeable costs	649,778
(d)	Táille iarratais íoctha	Application fee paid	100,000
(e)	Táille comhairliúcháin réamhiarratais íoctha	Pre-application consultation fee paid	n/a
(f)	Táillí íoctha ag breathnóirí	Observer fees paid	44,650
(g)	Glanmhéid atá le híoc ag an iarratasóir	Net amount due to be paid by applicant	505,128
(h)	An méid atá le haisíoc don iarratasóir	Amount due to be refunded to applicant	
2	**Suimeanna a mheasann an Bord a bheith réasúnach le híoc do na húdaráis pheanála a leanas.**	**Sums, which the Board considers, reasonable, to be paid by the applicant to the following planning authorities.**	**€**
(a)	Comhairle Contae an Chabháin	Cavan County Council	2,958
(b)	Comhairle Contae na Mí	Meath County Council	29,127
(c)	Comhairle Contae Mhuineacháin	Monaghan County Council	24,312

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Dátaithe ar an 19ú **lá seo de** Nollaig, **2016**