

# *Reirk Energy Limited*

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**Case Number: ABP-309223-21**  
**Planning Authority Reference: D/285/20**

5<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**Re: Section 5 Declaration whether the underground electricity cable grid connections is or is not development and is or is not exempted development. Dromdeeveen Wind Farm, Ballagh, Co. Limerick**

Dear Ms. Ledwith,

I refer to the above matter and to your letter dated the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021 to Reirk Energy Limited.

Please see below our submissions on the the referral enclosed with your letter.

Whether the provision of:

The underground electricity cable grid connections and associated works from the Cork County/Limerick County boarder at the Glashawee River to the Glanlara 110kv Substation in County Cork, associated with the underground electricity cable grid connections and associated works from the Tullylease 38kv Substation (Co. Limerick) to the electricity cable grid connection which runs from the Dormdeeveen Wind Farm 38kv Substation (Co. Limerick) to the Glenlara 110kv, and between the Dromdeeveen Windfarm and Glenlara 110 kv Substation is or is not development and is or is not exempted development.

## ***Reirk Submission***

The underground electricity cable connecting the Dromdeeveen 38kV Substation to the Glenlara 110kv Substation been in situ and energised since 2011. It is an ESB Networks asset and is an integral part of the ESB distribution network.

The underground cabling works were classed as exempted development under Class 26 Schedule 2 Part I of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended as is illustrated below.

Planning condition 17 of planning permission 04/2722 provides as follows:

“No development shall take place until permission has been granted for *a transmission line* onto the national grid. This grant of permission shall not infer that planning permission shall necessarily be granted for same.”

By letter dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2009 Reirk Energy Limited confirmed to Limerick County Council that:

“a **transmission line is not being used** for connection to the National Grid. An underground 38kv line has been agreed with ESB Networks from the development”.

As a **transmission line** was not being used, the planning requirement contained in Condition 17 of planning permission 04/2722 was no longer relevant as the works were exempted development in accordance with Class 26 Schedule 2 Part I of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

By letter dated the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2010 Limerick County Council requested that Reirk Energy Limited provide them with drawings of the underground cable route. Reirk Energy Limited's planning compliance submission to Limerick County Council dated 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2010 included a drawing detailing the route of the underground cable.

Yours sincerely,

  
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