

Our Ref: CO/23268  
10<sup>th</sup> October 2024

**The Secretary,**  
An Bord Pleanála,  
64 Marlborough Street,  
Dublin 1

**Re: Planning Application for Strategic Infrastructure Development under Section 182A of the Planning and development Act (As Amended)**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of our client Statkraft Ireland (applicant) please find enclosed a planning application for the construction of a 110kV Substation and Underground Grid Connection within the townlands of Barranaghs, Garryhinch, Annamore in County Offaly and Forest Upper, Forest Lower, Coolnavarnoga, Coolaghy, Kilbride, Ballymorris, Cooltederry and Bracklone Co. Laois. The purpose of this application is to connect the consented Dernacart Wind Farm (LCC Ref 20/78 & ABP 310312-21) to the National Grid by connecting the proposed substation to the consented Bracklone 110kV substation (LCC Ref- 20638).

The project has been the subject of a Pre-application Stage consultation for Strategic Infrastructure with An Bord Pleanála (Ref: ABP-317395-23). An Bord Pleanála has determined that this proposed project falls within the Strategic Infrastructure Development consent process under Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. A copy of the determination is enclosed with this application.

The Applicant is therefore applying to the Board under Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the following:

- One (1) 110kV substation with associated compound, including Two (2) single storey control and operational buildings, electrical plant, equipment, cabling, lighting, CCTV, lightning masts, diesel generator and diesel tank, security palisade fencing
- 2.45km underground electric cabling systems between the wind farm site and the proposed 110kV substation overlain with 5.5m wide stone access track

- 10.85km of 110kV underground electrical cabling from the proposed 110kV substation to the consented Bracklone 110kV substation including enabling works, services diversions, joint bays, along the grid route
- New entrance and access road to substation site from the R423
- New clear span and box culvert/piped water course crossings
- Peat/spoil deposition areas
- and all associated felling, drainage and ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development

The applicant is seeking a ten-year permission for the purposes of construction of the proposed development as outlined above.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in relation to the project and accompanies the application.

The application includes the following:

- 1) Completed Application Form
- 2) Landowner consent letters
- 3) Schedule of planning application drawings
- 4) Planning application drawings
- 5) Copy of Newspaper notice (National)
- 6) Copy of Newspaper notice (Local)
- 7) Copy of Site Notice
- 8) Copy of pre-application Determination
- 9) Schedule of Prescribed bodies to whom notification of the application has been sent
- 10) Copy of the notification to the prescribed bodies
- 11) Statutory Undertaker Letter
- 12) Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)
- 13) AA Screening Report & Natura Impact Statement (NIS)
- 14) Shapefile
- 15) 8 no. Memory sticks with a copy of all application documents
- 16) Confirmation of payment of Application fee of €100,000

Should you have any queries in relation to the enclosed please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,



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Caitriona Fox

for and on behalf of MWP