

PLANNING NOTICES

LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

We, EirGrid plc, with the consent and approval of the Electricity Supply Board (ESB), intend to apply for permission for development associated with refurbishment works to existing 43 no. electricity transmission towers along a c. 7.3 km section (length) of the Coolnaback - Portlaoise 110 kV overhead line (OHL) crossing the following townlands: Meelick, Money Upper, Rathleague, Hoptill, Ballymooney, Money Lower, Dysart, Lambert, Demesne, Derry, Clonminnam, Powelstown, Kylekiproe, Cappolee and Esker. The total area to which the application relates is c. 37 hectares. The development will consist of refurbishment works to the OHL. Refurbishment works will vary from each of the existing 43 no. existing electricity transmission towers and will comprise: (i) Replacement ("stringing") of the existing overhead line conductor wires with a higher capacity conductor; (ii) Installation of a new fibre communication connection between existing wooden intermediate poleset (IMP) 118 to existing angle mast (AM) 145; (iii) Strengthening of 4 no. existing AMs and associated foundations; (iv) Replacement of 26 of the 37 no. existing IMPs with similar structures, except for existing IMP105 to be upgraded to AM (AM105). Replacements will be in situ or if required, immediately adjacent, and height will range from c. 0m to 2.7m higher, with no change in height in 19 no. existing IMPs and a maximal increase of c. 2.7m at existing IMP127; (v) Replacement of 1 no. AM (AM145) with a Line Cable Interface Mast (LCIM) and removal of 1 no. AM (AM146); (vi) Replacement of cross-arms at 12 no. existing IMPs; (vii) Replacement of insulating and ancillary hardware at structures; (viii) All associated site development works along the overhead line including vegetation clearance and management, disassembly and reassembly of gate posts/piers and removal and reinstatement of existing fencing, painting, installation of identification labels/notices, and ancillary works within the existing Portlaoise substation, necessary to facilitate the refurbishment works of the overhead line; and, (ix) Other temporary associated and ancillary site development works required for the proposed refurbishment works including the provision of a construction compound located at either Kylekiproe or Esker access routes, silt traps, silt fences, stone tracks, ground protection mats, infrastructure crossing support systems (e.g. guard poles and goal posts) and temporary watercourse crossing. Where required, an aerial catenary stringing system (ACSS) will be used to facilitate stringing operations over major obstacles (e.g. national roads, rivers, etc.). The planning application will be accompanied by a Natura Impact Statement. The planning application and Natura Impact Statement may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours.

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STATUTORY NOTICES

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 (AS AMENDED)
NOTICE OF DIRECT PLANNING APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA
IN RESPECT OF A STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT
COUNTY OFFALY AND COUNTY LAOIS

In accordance with Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, Statkraft Ireland gives notice of its intention to make an application for permission to An Bord Pleanála in relation to the following proposed development in townlands Barranaghs, Garryhinch, Annamore in County Offaly and Forest Upper, Forest Lower, Coolnavarnoga, Coolaghy, Kilbride, Ballymorris, Cooltederry and Bracklone Co. Laois. The proposed development for which permission under Section 182A is being sought will include 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 This application 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) has been prepared in respect of the proposed development.

The planning application, EIAR and NIS may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such a copy) during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing on 14 th of October 2024 at the following locations:

- ✓ The offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1
- ✓ The offices of Offaly County Council Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly R35 F893
- ✓ The offices of Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, JFL Ave, Portlaoise, Co. Laois, R32 EHP9

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following stand-alone website:

- ✓ www.dernacartwindfarmsid.ie

Submissions or observations may be made to An Bord Pleanála (The Board) during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks relating to:

- i. the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development, and
- ii. the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- iii. the likely significant effects or adverse effect on any European site, if the development is carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board not later than 5.30pm on the 29 th of November 2024.

Such submission or observation shall state:

- ✓ The name of the person making the submission or observations, the name of the person acting on their behalf, if any, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent
- ✓ the subject matter of the submission or observation; and
- ✓ the reasons, considerations and arguments on which it is based in full. (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations refers).

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board. Find out more information on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/observations

The Board may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing on the application. (For further details see 'A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development' on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie.)

The Board may in respect of an application for permission decide to:

- (a) (i) grant the permission, or (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or (iii) grant permission in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or
- (b) refuse to grant the permission.

A person may question the validity of any such decision of the Board by way of an application for judicial review under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986, as amended) in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended. Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie under the heading Judicial Review Notice or on the Citizens Information Services website www.citizensinformation.ie

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