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Brendan,

I refer to your email below and to our conversation in this matter last Friday, the details of which are still relevant.

I also refer to the attached correspondence and I have highlighted two particular items of note.

Firstly, as required under the planning conditions, ESB Networks/Eirgrid have confirmed that an updated Construction and Environmental Management Plan will be submitted to Laois County Council, detailing the mitigation of environmental effects, impacts and risks, for the construction stage of the development. The CEMP will evolve as the construction stages advance.

Secondly, the correspondence concludes by stating that construction will proceed fully in line with the environmental requirements contained in the planning conditions set out by An Bord Pleanala, together with any associated requirements of Laois County Council.

I confirm that Laois County Council requires an independent risk assessment of ESB Network's/Eirgrid's construction stage mitigation measures whereby an independent risk assessor, approved by Laois County Council and paid for by ESB Networks/Eirgrid, will independently assess the evolving CEMP, including the various mitigation measures prescribed. The independent risk assessor will report to Laois County Council and the Council will have regard to the report of the independent risk assessor to satisfy itself that appropriate risk mitigation is provided for.

I respectfully request that you confirm ESB Network's/Eirgrid's agreement to the foregoing, following which we can advance towards agreement on the specific terms of the independent risk assessment.

I will follow up with a phone call later this afternoon.

Regards,

*Simon Walton,
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