

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000, AS AMENDED

Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála for Approval in Respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development (Electricity Transmission Development)
MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL AND KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

In accordance with Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, EirGrid plc, with the consent and approval of Electricity Supply Board (ESB), gives notice it proposes to seek the approval of An Bord Pleanála in relation to the proposed development of approximately 53 kilometres (km) of new underground cable (UGC) between the existing Woodland Substation Woodland, County Meath and the existing Dunstown Substation, Dunstown, County Kildare. There will also be works in the substations to facilitate the connection of the UGC into the electrical grid.

Approximately 15 km of the proposed UGC is located in County Meath and approximately 38 km of the proposed UGC is located in County Kildare.

The proposed development will be located within the following townlands in County Meath: Woodland, Creemore, Portan, Gaulstown, Culcommon, Mullagh, Cullendragh, Warrenstown, Jenkinstown, Barstown, Phepotstown, Martinstown, Kemmins Mill, Calgath, Dolanstown, Balfeghan.

The proposed development will be located within the following townlands in County Kildare: Boyce-town, Pitchfordstown, Kilcock, Commons South, Courtown Great, Duncreevan, Hodgestown, Portgloriam, Ballybrack, Ballyloughan, Baltracy, Graiguepottle, Painestown, Boherhole, Ballynaboley, Mainham, Betaghstown, Ballynagappagh, Cott, Curryhills, Longtown North, Firmount West, Hoganswood, Firmount Demesne, Firmount East, Clane, Millicent North, Millicent Demesne, Millicent South, Castlesize, Barretstown, Waterstown, Osberstown, Plooluck, Jigginstown, Naas West, Naas East, Broadfield, Bluebell, Killashee, Rathsker, Oldtown, Newland West, Mylerstown, Stephenstown South, Walterstown, Harristown Common, Dunstown.

The Proposed Development consists of the following principal elements:

A. Installation of an underground cable (UGC), approximately 53 km in length, connecting Woodland 400 kV Substation in the townland of Woodland in County Meath and Dunstown 400 kV Substation in the townland of Dunstown in County Kildare. The development of the UGC will incorporate the following:

- Construction of a trench of approximately 1.5 m in width and approximately 1.3 m in depth in the public road (approximately 43.5 km) and approximately 1.7 m in depth in private lands (approximately 9.5 km) in which the UGC is laid;
- Construction of joint bays, each approximately 10 m in length and 2.5 m in width – with adjacent communication chambers and link boxes along the alignment of the UGC (on average every 750 m). Where the joint bays are located off-road, permanent hardstanding areas will be created approximately 3 m around the joint bays;
- The laying of communication links and fibre optic cables between both substations, running in the same trench as the UGC;
- The laying of twelve no. permanent access tracks (approximately 4 m in width, approximately 4.5 km in length) over private lands to access the off-road joint bays (and adjacent communication chambers and link boxes);
- The provision of six no. temporary construction compounds (approximately 5.7 ha total) and two no. construction laydown areas along the alignment of the cable route;
- The provision of temporary construction passing bays at 33 joint bay locations, each approximately 100m in length and 5.5 m in width;
- The laying of 11 no. temporary construction tracks (approximately 9.5 km in total length);
- All associated water, rail, road and utility crossings using either trenchless drilling or open cut techniques; and
- All associated and ancillary above and below ground site development works, including works comprising or relating to permanent and temporary construction, roadworks, utility diversions and site and vegetation clearance.

B. Installation of additional electrical equipment and apparatus at the Woodland Substation in the townland of Woodland in County Meath, which is similar to the existing infrastructure and will be installed in a substation compound extension (Meath County Council Reference: 22/1550). This will include:

- Installation of a 400 kV feeder bay and associated electrical shunt reactor (approximately 8 m in height);
- Insulators, instrument transformers, overhead conductors, disconnectors, circuit breakers, surge arrestors (approximately 12.6 m in height) in order to connect the bay to the busbar;
- All ancillary site development works including site preparation works, temporary compound, underground cabling, and earthgrid, as required to facilitate the development.

C. Installation of additional electrical equipment and apparatus at the Dunstown Substation in the townland of Dunstown in County Kildare which are similar to the existing infrastructure and does not require the extension of the substation compound. This will include:

- Installation of a 400 kV feeder bay and associated electrical shunt reactor (approximately 9 m in height);
- An extension to the 400 kV busbar in order to connect the 400 kV cable feeder bay to the existing 400 kV busbar
- Ten no. lightning masts (approximately 41 m high);
- Insulators, instrument transformers, current transformers, overhead conductors, disconnectors, circuit breakers, surge arrestors (approximately 12.7 m in height) in order to connect the bay to the busbar; and
- An ancillary site development works including site preparation works, temporary compound, underground cabling and earthgrid, surface water drainage, and lighting poles as required to facilitate the development.

A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been prepared in respect of the proposed development.

A copy of the application, including the 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 copy) during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing on 28th April 2023 at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin, D01 V902;
- The Offices of Meath County Council, Buvinda House, Dublin Road, Athlumney, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 Y291; or
- The Offices of Kildare County Council, Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co Kildare, W91 X77F

The application may also be viewed / downloaded on the following website: www.eirgridkildaremeath.ie. Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála (the Board) 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin, D01 V902 during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks relating to:

- the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development;
 - the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development; and
 - the likely adverse effects on the integrity of a European site, if carried out.
- Any submission / observation must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board no later than 5.30p.m. on 16th June 2023. Such submissions / observations must also include the following information:

- the name of the person making the submission or observation;
 - the name of the person acting on his or her 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 the submission or observation is based in full.
- Any submissions / observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board.

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" at www.pleanala.ie).

The Board may in respect of an application for approval decide to –

- approve the proposed development, or
- make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and approve the proposed development as so modified, or
- approve, in part only, the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind), or
- refuse to approve the proposed development.

and may attach to an approval under paragraph (i), (ii) or (iii) such conditions as it considers appropriate. Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development Section of An Bord Pleanála (Tel. 01 8588100).

A person may question the validity of any such decision by 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'. This information is also available on the Citizens Information Service website at www.citizensinformation.ie.

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LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL:

Vasa Ltd intend to apply for permission for development at this site Ballymanus, Vicarstown, Stradbally, Co Laois.

The development will consist of;

- the demolition and removal of 74 no. existing mink farm related buildings including all associated foul and surface water facilities comprising of:
 - 30 number Type A Mink House structures, each of which vary in length between 25.6m and 119.8m and which each measure 3.6m in width and 2.5m in height, providing a total floor space of 12,494 sqm.
 - 24 number Type B Mink House structures, each of which vary in length between 34.8m and 68.9m and which each measure 3.6m in width and 2.5m in height, providing a total floor space of 6831.5 sqm.
 - 6 number Type C Mink House structures, each of which vary in length between 106.6m and 113.8m and which each measure 4.25m in width and 2.8m in height, providing a total floor space of 3415.8 sqm.
 - 7 number Type D Mink House structures, each of which vary in length between 108.2m and 120.5m and which each measure 8.3m in width and 3.2m in height, providing a total floor space of 7746.2 sqm.
 - 4 number Type E Mink House structures, each of which are 120.4m long and which each measure 3.6m in width and 2.6m in height, providing a total floor space of 2408 sqm.
 - 1 no. staff facilities building providing a floor area of 22.7 sqm.
 - 2 no. existing storage buildings providing a total floor area of 118.4 sqm.

All of these existing buildings contain a total floorspace of 33,036.6 sqm. The demolition element of this development includes the disposal of asbestos from the roof of the existing buildings (hazardous waste No. 17 06 05 of the European Waste Catalogue).

(b) the removal of structures ancillary to the mink farm comprising of:

- 1 no 40ft shipping container.
- 4 no. animal feed silos with an overall capacity of approx. 1008 m³.

(c) the modification and re-purposing of 3 no. existing mink farm related buildings comprising of:

- An existing 558.6 sqm mink processing facility which will have its roof raised by 3m and be re-purposed for the housing of cattle.
- An existing 278.3 sqm storage shed which will have its roof raised by 1.2m and be re-clad with fiber cement cladding and be re-purposed for the storage of farm machinery.
- An existing 1403.2 fridge building and attached loading bay which will have its existing asbestos cladding removed and be re-clad with fiber cement cladding.

(d) importation of inert topsoil to restore the original ground level of the site following removal of the aforementioned buildings and all associated site works.

Ballymanus House, beside this site, comprises entry 604 on the Record of Protected Structures forming part of the Laois County Development Plan.

The planning application 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.

A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
EVENT LICENSE APPLICATION TO
LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL**

Philip Meagher of Forestfest Ltd of Fitzmaurice House, Bank Place, Portlaoise, Co Laois gives notice of intent to apply to Laois County Council within the next two week period for a license to hold an outdoor music event in accordance with part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Forestfest 2023 will comprise of live musical & comedy entertainment at Emo Village, County Laois with associated camping to be held at Kil liny, Emo Village, County Laois and associated parking at Killimy, Morette and Emo Village, County Laois on Thursday 20th July, Friday 21st July, Saturday 22nd July and Sunday 23rd July 2023 with entertainment from 4.00pm on Friday July 21st to 1am Saturday July 22nd and from 12 noon on Saturday July 22nd to 1am Sunday July 23rd and from 12 noon Sunday July 23rd to 1am Monday July 24th.

Associated parking and campsites will be available from 4pm on Thursday July 20th until 3.00pm on Monday July 24th.

The event will have a maximum attendance of 10,000 people plus 1500 staff and artistes with camping for a maximum of 7,500 persons. The license application may be inspected at the offices of Laois County Council during office hours for a 5-week period from the date of receipt of the application. Submissions or observations may be made to Laois County Council within a 3-week period from the date of the receipt of the application.

Signed: Philip Meagher
April 15, 2023

Legal Section

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KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL: Ulster Bank, 44 South Main Street, Naas, Co. Kildare Intend to Apply for Full Planning Permission

To Carry out external works on a protected structure for the removal of an ATM, to be infilled with stone to match the existing. The removal of the night safe front plate, replacing with a blank steel plate, as well as the removal of the Ulster Bank raised lettering shop sign and the removal of the Ulster Bank general blue signage. Carry out internal works for the removal of the ATM's in stud walls, as well as the removal of loose furniture and the removal of Ulster Bank signage and merchandise on all floors. At 44 South Main Street, Naas, Co. Kildare. The Planning application 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 opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application, and such submission or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant the application.

LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL: Retention permission sought for the concrete base for use as a hard standing for the storage of silage/haylage bales, site entrance and all ancillary site works at Ballinrahn, The Strand, Ballickmoyler signed Sorcha Hennessy c/o Pat Knowles & Assoc. The planning application 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. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20, within a period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the planning authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application. The planning authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

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Kildare County Council:- We PGL Properties (NI) Ltd shall lodge significant further information to planning reference 22/1322 for planning permission to construct a commercial/retail unit with entrance off existing business park, new boundary fence, concrete hardstanding area, connection to existing services and all associated site works.

The significant further information consists of 1) landscape plan, 2) revised drainage design & reports, 3) revised parking & cycle layout with disabled parking & footpath connection to existing footpath, 4) traffic & transport assessment with sweep path analysis and 5) noise study for proposed site and all associated site works at Kildare Enterprise centre, Melitta Road, Kildare Town Co. Kildare. Significant Further Information has been furnished to the planning authority in respect of this proposed development, and is available for inspection or purchase at the offices of the authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the significant further information may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee within 2 weeks (within 5 weeks if the application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report) from receipt of new notices by the Planning Authority (this fee is not applicable to persons who made original observations/submissions). Signed: Byrne & McCabe Design Ltd, Architecture and Engineering Services (059 9725684)

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Kildare County Council: We, the Board of Management of Scoil Chóca Naofa, intend to apply for permission for development at Scoil Chóca Naofa, Church St, Kilcock, Co. Kildare. W23 KD79

The development will consist of the construction of an artificial grass multi-use games area, associated earth retaining structure, access pathway, perimeter fence to the playing surface, and all ancillary site works. The planning application 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 and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL: I Graham Murphy intend to apply for permission for new dwelling, garage, new entrance onto the public road, connection to public mains water and sewage and associated site works at Woodlands East, Castledermot, Co. Kildare. The planning application 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 and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.