

Ref: kf/23296  
November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**An Taisce,**  
5 Foster Place,  
Temple Bar,  
Dublin 2,  
D02 V0P9

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

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are engaged by Futureenergy Carrownagowan DAC (applicant) for the preparation of the design, planning and EIAR for a proposed grid route connection from the permitted Carrownagowan Wind Farm (ABP-308799-20) substation to the existing 110kV substation at Ardnacrusha Co. Clare.

The project is a circa 25km long 110kV underground cable connection and is contained within the townlands of Caherhurly, Killokennedy, Cloongaheen West, Cloongaheen East, Kilbane, Killeagy (Goonan), Ballymoloney, Cloonygonry Beg, Ballyquinn Beg, Ballyquin Mor, Springmount, Leitrim, Fahy More (South), Aharinaghmore, Ballybrack, Tooreen, Aharinaghbeg, Cloghera, Trough, Knockdonagh, Roo West, Lakyle, Glenlon South, Castlebank, Ballykeelau in Co Clare..

The project has been the subject of a Pre-application Stage consultation for Strategic Infrastructure with An Bord Pleanála (Ref: ABP- 314127-22). 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 (As Amended). In confirming that this project is a Strategic Infrastructure Development project it has identified 10 prescribed bodies that have to be notified in relation to this planning application. Accordingly, we are notifying you that the application is being lodged with An Bord Pleanála on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2023.

The following sets out the description of the proposed development:

- A circa 25km long 110kV underground cable connection within the public road network from the permitted Carrownagowan Wind Farm substation to the existing ESB owned 110kV substation at Ardnacrusha, County Clare, which will allow the electrical energy generated from the wind farm to be exported onto the national grid;
- (9) no. watercourse crossings, (8) no. by means of Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) which will require a service trench (launch pit) for the drill in the road either side of the watercourse; and (1) no. of the watercourse crossings will be completed by means of over-bridge in road solution; and
- 35 no. joint bays and communication chambers along the route

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) has been prepared in relation to the project and accompanies the application.

The Memory Stick attached contains the following information:

- Planning application documentation
- Planning application drawings
- Environmental Assessment Report (EIAR)

You are advised that 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 decisions and grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or (iii) grant permission in respect of the proposed development (with or without specified modification 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

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 relating to:

- i. the implications of the proposed development for the proposer 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 received by the Board not later than 5.30pm on **Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2024.**

The full application is available for viewing and download on the dedicated SID project website at the following address: [www.carrownagowangridplanning.ie](http://www.carrownagowangridplanning.ie)

Yours sincerely,



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Ken Fitzgerald, Associate Director  
for and behalf of MWP