

Ref: CO/23991
7th May 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 Mill Farm Solar Project Ltd. (applicant) please find enclosed a planning application for the construction of a 110kV Substation and loop-in connection within the townland of Ricetown, County Meath. The proposed development will serve a permitted Solar PV development that was approved by Meath County Council under reference no. 22/1044 on the 14th of February 2023.

The project has been the subject of a Pre-application Stage consultation for Strategic Infrastructure with An Bord Pleanála (Ref: ABP- 317988-23). 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:

- A 110 kilovolt (kV) Air Insulated Switchgear (AIS) loop-in substation with associated compound, including control and operational buildings, electrical plant, equipment, cabling, lighting, CCTV, lightening masts, drainage infrastructure, security palisade fencing, and all associated and ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development.
- Erection of 2 no. overhead line end masts (c. 20m high) and 2 no. lattice gantries (c. 16m high) and associated overhead cabling to enable a loop-in/loop-out grid connection to National grid via the existing the Meath Hill-Gorman 110kV overhead powerlines located above the site.

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

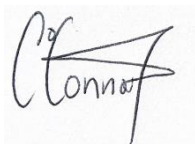
A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been prepared in relation to the project and accompanies the application.

The application includes the following:

- 1) Completed Application Form
- 2) Landowner consent letter
- 3) Schedule of planning application drawings
- 4) Planning application drawings
- 5) Newspaper notice (Irish Daily Star – Dated 04/05/2024)
- 6) Newspaper notice (Meath Chronicle – Dated 04/05/2024)
- 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) AA Screening
- 12) Natura Impact Statement (NIS)
- 13) Planning Report
- 14) Noise Impact Assessment
- 15) Flood Risk Assessment
- 16) EIA Screening
- 17) Construction Waste Management Plan
- 18) Ecological Appraisal
- 19) Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
- 20) Photomontages
- 21) 8 no. Memory sticks with a copy of all application documents
- 22) 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,



Caoimhe O'Connor

for and on behalf of MWP