

SITE NOTICE
Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála
in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development
County Meath

In accordance with Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, Mill Farm Solar Project Ltd. gives notice of its intention to make an application for permission to An Bord Pleanála in relation to the following proposed development in the townland of Ricetown, Co. Meath.

The proposed development for which permission under Section 182A is being sought will include 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.

This application 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 respect of the proposed development.

The planning application 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 **10th of May 2024** at the following locations:

- The offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1
- The offices of Meath County Council, Buvinda House, Dublin Road, Navan, Co. Meath

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following stand-alone website: MillfarmsubstationSID.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 **28th of June 2024**. Such submissions/observations must also include the following information:

- 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).

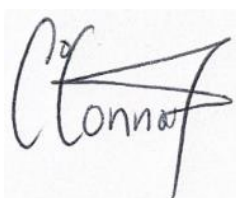
Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board.

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



SIGNED: _____

CAOIMHE O'CONNOR MALACHY WALSH AND PARTNERS, REEN POINT, BLENNEVILLE, TRALEE, CO. KERRY (Agent on behalf of Mill Farm Solar Ltd.)

DATE OF ERECTION OF SITE NOTICE: 3rd MAY 2024