



Chief Executive,
Louth County Council,
County Hall,
Dundalk
County Louth

4 January 2023

Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála for Proposed 220kV substation, associated 220kV underground grid connection, cabling and associated works on a site of 1.8 hectares at Toomes and Monvallet, County Louth.

Introduction

Please be advised that Strategic Power Projects Limited intends to apply to An Bord Pleanála for permission for the following development:

“Proposed 220kV substation, associated 220kV underground grid connection, cabling and associated works on a site of 1.8 hectares at Toomes and Monvallet, County Louth.

The proposed 220kV electrical substation will consist of:

- a) Internal section of access road to the sub-station buildings, compounds, parking, electrical apparatus, plant and equipment; overhead and underground electrical and communications cabling;
- b) 1 no IPP building (with satellite dish attached) measuring c9.9m x c19.3m x c8.0m (height), parking, compound and associated works;
- c) 1 no Eirgrid control building measuring c11.7m x c13.0m x c6.8m (height), house transformer (House TX), parking, compound and associated works;
- d) electrical apparatus, plant and equipment; overhead and underground electrical and communications cabling and associated works;
- e) 1 no interface kiosk;
- f) Fencing, gates, 3 no lightning masts and 7 no lamp standards; and
- g) All associated works.

The proposed underground cabling (220kV) and ducting will extend from the proposed substation site to the existing Louth (Monvallet) 275kV ESB substation site boundary on the opposite side of the L5141 local road.

The proposed development is in lieu of the 2 no. 37kV sub-stations permitted under planning permission ref: 21/631.

A Natura Impact Statement will accompany the planning application.

The permission sought is for a period of 10 years".

The proposed development will facilitate the connection of the permitted and proposed solar farm and battery storage developments (application refs: 21/631, 21/1478 and 22/534) to the national grid at the existing substation at Monvallet, County Louth.

As directed by An Bord Pleanála, please find enclosed 5 hard copies and 2 electronic copies of the application. A copy of the application is required to be available for public inspection at the offices of the Planning Authority for the time period specified in the public notices included with the application.

The planning application and associated documentation includes:

- 5 no. copies of the application cover letter to An Bord Pleanála;
- 5 no. copies of the completed planning application form;
- 5 no. copies of the site notice;
- 5 no. copies of each newspaper notice (2 no.);
- 5 no. copies of the letter from the Applicant confirming Statutory Undertaker status authorised to carry out works for the supply of electricity under the public road.
- 5 no. copies of the letter of consent from the landowner;
- 5 no. copies of Planning Application Notification Letter to Louth County Council;
- 5 no. copies of sample Planning Application Notification Letter to the prescribed bodies and the schedule of prescribed bodies notified;
- 5 no. copies of each of the Notification Letter sent to the prescribed bodies;
- 5 no. copies of the Planning Application Drawings (see Schedules of Drawings attached to Planning Application Form);
- 5 no. copies of the Natura Impact Statement
- 5 no. copies of the Environmental Report Vol.1;
- 5 no. copies of the Environmental Report – Appendices Vol.2;
- 5 no. copies of the Decommissioning Plan;
- 5 no. copies of the Engineering Planning Report; and
- 5 no. copies of the Preliminary Construction Environmental Management Plan.

Louth County Council is required to make the Planning Application and the Natura Impact Statement (Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment) available for inspection, 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 12 January 2023** at the offices of Louth County Council, County Hall, Dundalk, County Louth.

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website:

<https://monvalletsolar.info>

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála ('the Board') 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, 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 of the proposed development on a European site, if 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 **5.30 p.m. on the 2 March 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. (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.

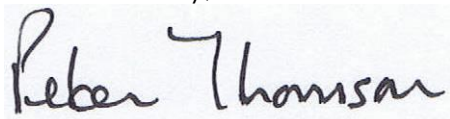
The Board may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing on the application. (For further details see 'A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development' on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie)

The Board may in respect of an application for permission decide to -

- (a) (i) approve the proposed development, or
 - (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its approval and grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or
 - (iii) approve in part only, 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,
- (b) refuse to approve the proposed development.

Attached to this letter of notification is a copy of the Direction of An Bord Pleanála that the proposed development constitutes a strategic infrastructure development.

Yours faithfully,



Peter Thomson, MSc, MIPI



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Board Direction
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At a meeting held on 28/10/2022, the Board considered the report of the Inspector, and the documents and submissions on file generally in respect of the proposed development, comprising a new 220kV substation in the townlands of Tooms and Monvallet County Louth, to connect to the existing Monvallet substation via a 220kV underground cable.

The Board decided that the proposed development, as set out in the particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 5th day of July 2022, and elaborated upon at the meeting held on the 8th day of September 2022, falls within the scope of section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended and that a planning application should be made directly to the Board.

Board Member:

Date: 28/10/2022

Dave Walsh