

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2011

NOTICE OF DIRECT PLANNING APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA IN RESPECT OF A STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT County Cork

In accordance with Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as inserted by the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act, 2006, and amended by the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act, 2010 and the Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2011, EirGrid plc, with the consent and approval of the Electricity Supply Board, gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for approval of proposed electricity transmission infrastructure, and associated works, in the townlands of Aughinida, Shanakill, Coolkisha, Knockeenacuttin, Curraghanearla, Caum, Coolalta, Carrigadrohid, Monallig, Killinardrish, Coolnasoon, Cooldrum, Shandangan East, Shandangan West, Lissardagh, Crossmahon, Ballymichael, Carrigdarrery, Dunisky, Kilbarry, Dunmarklun, Teereeven, Kilnarrowanagh, Ardaneneen, Rossnakilla, Teerelton, Moneycusker, Cooldorragha, Baulbrack, Carrigboy, Clashbredane, Knockanereagh, Shanacashel, Mallow, Lisheenleigh, Ahakeera, Shanagh, Behagullane, Knockaghaduff, Dromerk, Gortnamucklagh, Gurteenasowna, Acres, Ballyhalwick County Cork.

The proposed development will consist of the following:

i. Construction of approximately 40 kilometres of 110 kV overhead shieldwire line between the existing Clashavoon 220/110kV substation in the townland of Aughinida and the existing Dunmanway 110kV substation in the townland of Ballyhalwick. The line will pass through the townlands referred to above. The line will consist of two overhead shieldwires and three overhead conductor wires, primarily supported on double woodpole structures whose poles are five metres apart and up to approximately 21.3 metres height over ground. Where the alignment of the overhead line changes direction, lattice steel towers of up to approximately 24.5 metres height over ground will generally be used. In total there are 227 no. structures on the line, comprising 198 no. double woodpole structures 9 no. braced woodpole structures, and 20 no. steel tower structures.

ii. Associated works at the existing 110kV substation at Dunmanway and the existing 110/220kV substation at Clashavoon to facilitate the proposed overhead line, including provision of new 110kV line bays and associated sealing ends, surge arrestors, line earth disconnects, voltage transformers, current transformers, circuit breakers, busbar disconnects and other site works. There is a requirement for associated alterations to the perimeter fence in Dunmanway Station to facilitate the proposed development.

iii. Associated local modifications to the existing Clashavoon - Macroom 110kV line in the townlands of Curraghanearla and Caum. These modifications are required to optimise route selection in the area and comprise the removal of the line from its current position and rebuilding this line west of its current location. The section to be removed and rebuilt consists of 2 no. lattice steel angle structures and 8 no. double woodpole structures. Currently this line operates in non shieldwire configuration. It will remain non shieldwire when rebuilt. Non shieldwire lines consist of three overhead conductor wires, primarily supported on double woodpole structures whose poles are five metres apart and up to approximately 21.3 metres height over ground. Where the alignment of the overhead line changes direction, lattice steel towers of up to approximately 18.2 metres height over ground will generally be used.

iv. Approximately 175m of the circuit entering Dunmanway station comprising of underground cable.

v. All associated site development works.

An Environmental Report (ER) (including an Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development. The application,

ER and NIS may be inspected free of charge, or purchased on payment of a specific fee, during public opening hours for a period of 7 weeks commencing on 18th of April 2012 at the following locations;

The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 and The Offices of Cork County Council, County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork

The application may also be viewed/downloaded at the following website: www.eirgridclashavoon.com

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 in the area concerned, and

(ii) the likely effects on the environment or adverse effects on the integrity of a European site as the case may be, of the proposed development, if carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 and must be received by the Board not later than 5.30pm on the 5th of June 2012. Such submissions/observations must also include the following information:

(i) 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, (ii) the subject matter of the submission or observation, and (iii) the reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full.

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

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

(a) (i) approve the proposed development, or

(ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its approval and approve 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, or

(b) refuse to approve the proposed development.

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 by S.I. No. 691 of 2011), in accordance with section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading Publications - Judicial Review Notice on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Division of An Bord Pleanála (Tel. 01-8588100).