

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2011

Notice of Significant Additional Information in Relation to a Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála in Respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development

An Bord Pleanála Reference Number PL 11.VA0015

County Laois and County Kilkenny

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 & Development (Amendment) Act, 2010 and the Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2011, EirGrid plc, with the consent and approval of the Electricity Supply Board, made an application to An Bord Pleanála on the 25th of January 2013 for approval of proposed electricity transmission infrastructure, and associated works in the townlands of Orchard Lower, Kyle, Coolnabacky, Money Lower, Loughteeog, Carrigeen (E.D. Timogue), Esker, Ballygormill South, Cremorgan, Baunree, Raheenduff Big, Ballinaclogh Lower, Ballinaclogh Upper, Garryglass, Clarbarracum, Boleybeg, Knockardagur, Aghnacross, Boleybawn, Cloghoge and Ironmills or Kilrush in Co. Laois and the townlands of Loughill, Ballyoskill, Ballynalacken, Ballymartin, Tinnalintan, Sraleagh, Rathduff, Moatpark, Ballyragget, Donaghmore, Connahy, Foulksrath, Shanganny, Swiftsheath, Tullowglass, Gragara, Mohil, Ballyrafton, Bullockhill, Kilmademoge, Dunmorepark, Radestown South, Radestown North, Kyleroe, Brownstown, Kingsland (E.D. Kilkenny), Archersrath, Cellarstown West, Leggetsrath East, Cellarstown Lower, Cellarstown Upper, Higginstown, Templemartin (E.D. Clara), Rathbourn or Ratheenmore and Scart (E.D. Dunbell) in Co. Kilkenny.

The proposed Laois-Kilkenny Reinforcement Project consists of 8 no. interrelated elements and associated and ancillary site works and was fully described in the original public notice for the application.

The significant additional information is in the form of an environmental impact statement which was lodged with An Bord Pleanála on the 16th of August 2013.

This significant additional information, together with the original planning application, may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee during public opening hours **for a period of six weeks** commencing on **13th September 2013** at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.
- The Offices of Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae Portlaoise, Co. Laois, and,
- The Offices of Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny, Co. Kilkenny.

The application, including the ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT and NATURA IMPACT STATEMENT, may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website:

<http://www.eirgridlaoiskilkenny.ie>

Submissions or observations in relation to the significant additional information may be made only to An Bord Pleanála ('the Board'), 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 during the above-mentioned period of six weeks relating to:

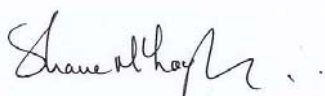
- (i) the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development, and
- (ii) the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, if carried out.
- (iii) the likely effects on a European site of the proposed development if carried out, (if applicable).

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies). There is no fee required to make a submission in relation to those parties/individuals who have already made a valid written submission to the Board regarding the application. Submissions or observations must be received by the Board not later than 5.30 p.m. on the **25th October 2013**. 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.

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

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



Signed: _____

(On behalf of EirGrid plc)

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