

European Communities (Public Participation) Regulations 2010

In accordance with Section 10 of the European Communities (Public Participation) Regulations 2010, this Planning Authority wishes to advise as follows:

Planning Ref: 23/353

Applicants: ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD (E.S.B)

Development: THE CONSTRUCTION & OPERATION OF A 250 MVA (ELECTRICAL RATING) SYNCHRONOUS CONDENSER LOCATED WITHIN A C. 0.8 HA FENCED & GATED COMPOUND & WILL INCLUDE: (A) A SYNC CON BUILDING (C. 962 SQ.M., C. 14 M HIGH) TO HOUSE EQUIPMENT INCLUDING THE GENERATOR, FLYWHEEL, LUBE OIL SKID, AIR COMPRESSOR & PUMPS; (B) ANCILLARY DEVELOPMENT LOCATED WITHIN THE OUTDOOR COMPOUND INCLUDING: COOLING EQUIPMENT (C. 190 SQ.M., C. 3 M HIGH); MODULAR CONTAINERS TO HOUSE ELECTRICAL & CONTROL EQUIPMENT (C. 270 SQ.M., C. 7 M HIGH); A BUNDED TRANSFORMER (C. 150 SQ.M., C. 8 M HIGH) & TWO AUXILIARY TRANSFORMERS (C. 23 SQ.M., 4 M HIGH); A MAINTENANCE CABIN (C. 78 SQ.M.) & ASSOCIATED MAINTENANCE LAYDOWN AREA; TWO SPARE PARTS STORAGE CONTAINERS (2 NO. CONTAINERS, C. 72 SQ.M. EACH); ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT; FIREFIGHTING WATER TANK (C. 7 M DIA., C. 8 M HIGH) & PUMPS; & AN UNDER-GROUND OIL SEPARATOR & COLLECTION PIT (C. 69 SQ.M.); (C) EXTERNAL LIGHTING POLES (C. 6.3 M HIGH), 2 NO. LIGHTNING MONOPOLES (C. 18M HIGH) & POLE MOUNTED CCTV (C. 8.3M HIGH); (D) CONNECTIONS TO EXISTING SITE SERVICES INCLUDING A NEW UNDERGROUND (220KV CABLE) GRID CONNECTION TO THE EXISTING 220KV SHANNONBRIDGE SUBSTATION, CONNECTIONS TO WATER WASTEWATER & SURFACE WATER SYSTEMS, ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS BETWEEN ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT, & A 20KV RURAL SUPPLY; & (E) ALL OTHER ANCILLARY & MISCELLANEOUS SITE WORKS INCLUDING: TEMPORARY WORKS (E.G. WORKS COMPOUNDS, ACCESSWAYS & SITE SERVICES), SITE CLEARANCE, SITE ACCESS, INTERNAL ROADS & DEVELOPMENT OF AREAS OF HARD ST&ING & CAR PARKING, & A C. 2.6 M HIGH CHAINLINK OR PALISADE FENCE & ACCESS GATE LINKING WITH THE EXISTING ON-SITE STATION ROADS. FOR CLARITY, PRE-EXISTING ACCESS ROADS WILL CONTINUE TO BE USED TO SERVE THE NEW DEVELOPMENT & WILL NOT BE ALTERED. PERMISSION IS SOUGHT FOR THE CONTINUED USE OF THESE ELEMENTS. THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT WILL NOT ALTER OR AFFECT EXISTING ESNB NETWORK GRID INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE SITE (INCL SUBSTATIONS, OVERHEAD LINES & ASSOCIATED SUPPORT STRUCTURES) OR THE THIRD PARTY OWNED TELECOMMUNICATIONS MAST. PLANNING PERMISSION IS BEING SOUGHT FOR A DURATION OF 10 YEARS. NOTE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES: THIS APPLICATION RELATES TO ELEMENTS PREVIOUSLY CONSENTED BY OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL UNDER REG. REF 22/223. WOP STATION IS LICENCED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY UNDER AN INDUSTRIAL EMISSIONS (IE) LICENCE [REF. P0611-02]. THE APPLICATION INCLUDES A NATURA IMPACT STATEMENT (NIS)

Location of Development: A C. 14.1 HA SITE LOCATED WITHIN THE SITE OF THE FORMER WEST OFFALY POWER (WOP) STATION , IN THE TOWNLAND OF CLONIFFEEN, SHANNONBRIDGE , CO. OFFALY , N37 C840

Offaly County Council made a decision to grant planning permission for the above development on 28th September 2023.

The applicant and any person who made submissions or observations in writing to the Planning Authority in relation to the planning application in accordance with section 37(1) of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 -2013 may appeal such a decision to An Bord Pleanala.

A person may question the validity of any decision of the planning authority by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986), in accordance with section 50 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended.

A person may question the validity of any decision on an appeal by An Bord Pleanala by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986), in accordance with section 50 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended.

Information in relation to making of an appeal may be obtained from An Bord Pleanala's website at www.pleanala.ie. Also refer to Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended by Sections 32 and 33 of the Planning and Development Act 2010, in relation to judicial review. Information is also available from the Citizen's Information Centre web-site at www.citizensinformation.ie