

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: 24/60338

Applicants: ENGIE DEVELOPMENTS IRELAND LIMITED

Development: THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF A C. 14MW SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) FARM AT THIS 29.75HA SITE LOCATED OFF CURRAGH ROAD (L20171) IN THE TOWNLAND OF CLARA, NEAR CLARA, CO. OFFALY. THE APPLICATION SEEKS A 10-YEAR PERMISSION WITH AN OPERATIONAL LIFETIME OF 35 YEARS. THE DEVELOPMENT WILL CONSIST OF: APPROXIMATELY 38,000 PANELS ON GROUND MOUNTED METAL FRAMES, WITH A MAXIMUM HEIGHT ABOVE GROUND OF 3.17 METRES, INCLUDING STRING INVERTERS MOUNTED TO THE REAR OF THE PANELS; 1 NO. 38KV SUBSTATION INCLUDING 1 NO. MV SWITCH ROOM, IPP CONTROL ROOM, 1 NO. ESB SWITCH ROOM, AND ASSOCIATED ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE; 3 NO. TRANSFORMER UNITS; UNDERGROUND CABLING AND DUCTING; 1 NO. TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION COMPOUND AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES FOR THE DURATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF THE PROJECT; PERIMETER FENCING; CCTV; SITE ACCESS PROVIDED FROM EXISTING SITE ACCESS OFF CURRAGH ROAD (L20171), INTERNAL TRACKS, SITE LANDSCAPING AND ALL ASSOCIATED SITE ENABLING AND SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS. THIS PLANNING APPLICATION IS ACCOMPANIED BY A NATURA IMPACT STATEMENT (NIS).

Location of Development: TOWNLAND OF CLARA, NEAR CLARA, CO. OFFALY

Offaly County Council made a decision to grant planning permission for the above development on 27th January 2025.

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