

## 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:

<b>Planning Ref:</b>	PL2/21/8
<b>Applicants:</b>	OFFALY SOLAR ENERGY AS LIMITED
<b>Description of Development:</b>	<p>A 10 YEAR PLANNING PERMISSION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF, AND A 40 YEAR OPERATION AND SUBSEQUENT DECOMMISSIONING OF, A DEVELOPMENT CONSISTING OF A 52.75 HECTARE SOLAR FARM AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM AND 9.32 KILOMETRE UNDERGROUND ELECTRICITY GRID CONNECTION (0.95 HECTARES) GIVING A TOTAL COMBINED AREA FOR BOTH THE SOLAR FARM, BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM AND UNDERGROUND ELECTRICITY GRID CONNECTION OF 53.7 HECTARES. THE PROPOSED SOLAR FARM AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM WILL CONSIST OF A SERIES OF GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) PANELS MOUNTED ON STEEL SUPPORT STRUCTURES, TOGETHER WITH A SINGLE STOREY ESB SUB-STATION BUILDING ON SITE, 18 NO. ELECTRICAL TRANSFORMATION ENCLOSURES, 68 NO. BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE UNITS, A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION COMPOUND, UNDERGROUND CABLING, INVERTERS, CCTV POLES AND CAMERAS, DEER TYPE SECURITY FENCING, PALISADE FENCING, ACCESS TRACKS, LANDSCAPING AND BIODIVERSITY MEASURES AND ALL ASSOCIATED ANCILLARY DEVELOPMENT WORKS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENERATING RENEWABLE ENERGY ELECTRICITY AT THE TOWNLANDS OF DERRIES AND LACKAN. THE PROPOSED 9.32 KILOMETRE UNDERGROUND ELECTRICITY GRID CONNECTION WILL CONSIST OF UNDERGROUND; 13 JOINT BAYS, 13 LINK BOXES AND 13 COMMUNICATIONS CHAMBERS. THE PROPOSED UNDERGROUND ELECTRICITY GRID ROUTE PASSES UNDERNEATH THE WOOD OF O BRIDGE A PROTECTED STRUCTURE ON THE GRAND CANAL. THE PROPOSED SOLAR FARM IS LOCATED IN THE TOWNLANDS OF DERRIES AND LACKAN, CO. OFFALY. THE PROPOSED UNDERGROUND ELECTRICITY GRID CONNECTION IS TO BE INSTALLED ENTIRELY UNDER PUBLIC ROADS FROM THE PROPOSED SOLAR FARM AT DERRIES AND LACKAN TOWNLANDS TO THORNSBERRY 110KV ESB SUBSTATION, WHICH PASSES THROUGH THE TOWNLANDS OF DERRIES, KILMURRY, DERRYGROGAN LITTLE, DERRYGROGAN BIG, WOOD OF O, CORNDARRAGH, DERRYNAGALL OR BALLYDALY, ARDAN AND PUTTAGHAN, CO. OFFALY. A NATURA IMPACT STATEMENT (NIS) WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE PLANNING AUTHORITY WITH THIS APPLICATION</p>
<b>Location</b>	TOWNLANDS OF DERRIES, LACKAN, KILMURRY, DERRYGROGAN LITTLE, DERRYGROGAN BIG, WOOD OF O, CORNDARRAGH, DERRYNAGALL OR BALLYDALY, ARDAN AND PUTTAGHAN, CO. OFFALY

Offaly County Council made a decision to grant planning permission for the above development on 23/11/2021.

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](http://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](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)