

## **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:** PL2/22/223

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

**Development:** THE DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING WOP STATION (AS APPROVED UNDER OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL REF. 01/187 / AN BORD PLEANÁLA REF. PL 19.125575 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT PERMISSIONS); AND THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF ELECTRICITY GRID SERVICES — NAMELY A BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) AND A SYNCHRONOUS CONDENSER (SYNC CON). THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT COMPRISES TWO DISTINCT PHASES OF ACTIVITY. PHASE 1 COMPRISES THE DEMOLITION OF EXISTING SITE STRUCTURES (WITH A TOTAL FOOTPRINT OF C. 13,124 SQ.M. AND A TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA OF C. 28,000 SQ.M.) INCLUDING THE FORMER WOP STATION, THE INTERMEDIATE PEAT STORAGE BUILDING AND ASSOCIATED FUEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM; AND ANCILLARY BUILDINGS INCLUDING: ELECTRICAL TIPPLER AND ASSOCIATED CONTROL ROOM AND OFFICE, SCREENING, LORRY UNLOADING, WATER TREATMENT PLANT, OFFICES, LABORATORY, WORKSHOP AND MAINTENANCE BUILDINGS, OIL PUMPHOUSE, ELECTRICS ROOMS, RAILWAY / LOCOMOTIVE SERVICE BUILDING, COOLING WATER PUMP HOUSE AND SEWAGE / FOUL WATER TREATMENT FACILITY. ALL BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES WILL BE DEMOLISHED TO GROUND LEVEL, AND THE SITE WILL BE REINSTATED AND SECURED WITH BOUNDARY GATES AND FENCES, ETC. ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEMOLITION ACTIVITY THERE WILL BE ON-SITE CRUSHING OF MATERIAL USING MOBILE MACHINERY, FOR THE PURPOSES OF DISPOSAL AND / OR MATERIAL RE-USE. PHASE 2 COMPRISES THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE BESS, SYNC CON; AND ALL ASSOCIATED DEVELOPMENT. THE BESS WILL COMPRISE A 75 MW CAPACITY BATTERY STORAGE FACILITY LOCATED WITHIN FENCED AND GATED COMPOUND AND WILL INCLUDE UP TO 22 NO. BATTERY STORAGE UNITS INCORPORATING A CONCRETE BASE, BATTERY MODULES, ASSOCIATED PLANT AND EQUIPMENT INCLUDING TRANSFORMERS AND INVERTERS A 240 SQ.M. SINGLE-STOREY CONTROL BUILDING; THE SYNC CON WILL COMPRISE A 400 MVA SYNCHRONOUS CONDENSER LOCATED WITHIN A C. 0.7 HA COMPOUND AND WILL INCLUDE A SYNC CON BUILDING (C. 962 SQ.M., C. 14 M HIGH). INCLUDING A MAINTENANCE LAYDOWN AREA; AND A CHAINLINK OR PALISADE FENCE AND ACCESS GATE LINKING WITH THE EXISTING STATION ROADS. BOTH DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE SERVED BY GRID CONNECTIONS, BOUNDARY FENCES AND GATES, AND LANDSCAPING. EXISTING ACCESS ROADS WILL CONTINUE TO BE USED TO SERVE THE NEW DEVELOPMENT AND WILL NOT BE ALTERED. SITE SERVICES — AND A 20 KV RURAL SUPPLY CIRCUIT BREAKER BUILDING (C. 18 SQ.M.), WILL CONTINUE TO BE USED TO SERVE THE NEW DEVELOPMENT. PLANNING PERMISSION IS SOUGHT FOR A DURATION OF 10 YEARS. (FULL DETAILED DESCRIPTION IN ATTACHED APPENDIX A)

**Location of Development:** 35.5 HA SITE KNOWN AS 'WEST OFFALY POWER (WOP) STATION',  
LOCATED AT SHANNONBRIDGE, IN THE TOWNLAND OF  
CLONIFFEEN, EIRCODE N37 C840, CO. OFFALY

Offaly County Council made a decision to grant planning permission for the above development on 18<sup>th</sup> January 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](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)