

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: PL2/23/20

Applicants: DERRYCARNEY SOLAR LIMITED

Development: DEVELOPMENT OF A SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY DEVELOPMENT. THE PROPOSED SOLAR PV ENERGY DEVELOPMENT IS CONTAINED WITHIN TWO DISTINCT PARCELS OF LAND, REFERRED TO AS ZONE 1 AND ZONE 2. THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT SITE OF C. 247 HECTARES WILL CONTAIN: (I) SOLAR PV PANELS ON GROUND MOUNTED FRAMES /SUPPORT STRUCTURES WITHIN EXISTING FIELD BOUNDARIES, (II) 30 NO. MEDIUM VOLTAGE POWER STATION (MVPS) ENCLOSURES (6.058M LONG X 2.348M WIDE X 2.896M HIGH), (III) 6 NO. WEATHER MONITORING STATIONS, (IV) 2 NO. TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION COMPOUNDS (50M LONG X 35M WIDE), (V) INTERNAL SITE ACCESS TRACKS AND UNDERGROUND CABLES (UGC), (VI) UGC IN THE PUBLIC ROAD NETWORK (L70095, L70099, L70208-3 & R357), WHICH WILL ELECTRICALLY CONNECT THE DEVELOPMENT TO THE DERRYCARNEY 110KV SUBSTATION LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWNLAND OF LUMCLOON, AND (VII) ALL ANCILLARY DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING; PERIMETER FENCING WITH ACCESS GATES AT VEHICLE SITE ENTRANCES ALONG PUBLIC ROADS (L70095 AND THE R357), CCTV SECURITY CAMERAS, LANDSCAPING, AND ALL ASSOCIATED CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS, PLANNING PERMISSION IS BEING SOUGHT FOR A PERIOD OF 10 YEARS. A NATURA IMPACT STATEMENT (NIS) HAS BEEN PREPARED AND ACCOMPANIES THIS PLANNING APPLICATION.

Location of Development: WITHIN THE TOWNLANDS OF LUMCLOON, BUN, DERRYCARNEY, FALSK, DERRIES, RIN, LEA BEG AND, LEA MORE, CO. OFFALY.

Offaly County Council made a decision to refuse planning permission for the above development on 22nd March 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 Pleanála.

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 Pleanála 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 Pleanála'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