

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: PL2/23/28

Applicants: EIRGRID PLC

Development: WORKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED UPRATE OF THE EXISTING 110KV LINE IN THE TOWNLANDS OF BISHOPSWOOD AND TINACRANNAGH, CO. OFFALY. THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT (UPRATE) WITHIN THE FUNCTIONAL AREA OF OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL RELATES TO APPROXIMATELY 1.6KM OF THE 110KV LINE AND COMPRISES: (1) THE REPLACEMENT ("RESTRINGING") OF THE EXISTING OVERHEAD LINE CIRCUIT CONDUCTOR AND WIRES WITH NEW HIGHER CAPACITY CONDUCTOR WIRES INCLUDING INSTALLATION OF A NEW FIBRE COMMUNICATION CONNECTION; (2) THE REPLACEMENT OF 1 NO. WOODEN POLESETS AND 1 NO. STEEL MASTS - ANY REPLACEMENT STRUCTURES WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AT, OR IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING STRUCTURES THEY WILL REPLACE. THEY WILL BE ALONG THE SAME ALIGNMENT AS EXISTING, THE HEIGHT DIFFERENCE WILL BE UP TO 4M AND THEY WILL BE OF A GENERALLY SIMILAR APPEARANCE, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED; (3) THE REPLACEMENT OF CROSSARMS AT 1 NO. WOODEN POLESETS; (4) THE REPLACEMENT OF HARDWARE AND FITTINGS SUCH AS SUSPENSION CLAMPS, INSULATORS, AND VIBRATION DAMPENERS AT ALL STRUCTURES, AS REQUIRED; (5) RE-CAPPING AND REMEDIAL WORKS FOR SHEAR BLOCKS AT 1 NO. STEEL MAST; (6) INSTALLATION OF BIRD FLIGHT DIVERTERS; (7) ALL ASSOCIATED SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS, INCLUDING FOUNDATION UPGRADE WORKS AND STRAIN ASSEMBLIES; (8) ALL ASSOCIATED TEMPORARY SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE EXISTING STRUCTURES INCLUDING CLEARANCE OF VEGETATION, DISASSEMBLY AND REASSEMBLY OF GATE POSTS/PIERS AND REMOVAL AND REINSTATEMENT OF EXISTING FENCING; AND (9) OTHER TEMPORARY ASSOCIATED AND ANCILLARY DEVELOPMENT WORKS REQUIRED FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE UPRATE OF THE EXISTING CIRCUIT, INCLUDING TEMPORARY GUARD POLES, CONSTRUCTION COMPOUNDS, THE INSTALLATION OF SILT TRAPS, SILT FENCES, STONE TRACKS, GROUND PROTECTION MATS AND TEMPORARY WATERCOURSE CROSSINGS. THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IS PART OF A LARGER PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES UPRATE WORKS TO APPROXIMATELY 20KM OF 110KV LINE WITHIN THE FUNCTIONAL AREA OF LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL FOR WHICH A SEPARATE PLANNING APPLICATION HAS BEEN LODGED WITH LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL. A NATURA IMPACT STATEMENT (NIS) HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Location of Development: BISHOPSWOOD & TINACRANNAGH, CO. OFFALY

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