

SITE NOTICE

Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended)

Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Coimisiún Pleanála in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development

County Offaly.

In accordance with section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), Ballyteige Solar Limited gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Coimisiún Pleanála for a ten-year planning permission in relation to the following proposed development in the townlands of Ballyteige Little, Wood of O, Corndarragh, Derrynagall or Ballydaly, Ardan and Puttaghan, Co. Offaly.

- The proposed development for which permission under Section 182A is being sought constitutes the following: A permanent 110kV Air Insulated Switchgear Substation consisting of:
 - 1 No. Compound (c..8733m²) consisting of; 3 No. work areas, CCTV, associated drainage enclosed in 2.6m high palisade fencing and gates;
 - 1 No. Eirgrid control building (c.440.15m²), 110kV bay arrangement, 4 No. lightning poles, compound road;
 - Crane hardstand, 2 No. transformers and 2 No. auxiliary transformers, 110kV electrical equipment and back-up generator;
 - 2 No. Independent Power Purchaser (IPP) control buildings (total 147.3m²) and compound including toilet,
 - 2No. grid code compliance equipment, 2No. harmonic filters, car parking and telecoms pole)
- Remaining associated infrastructure consists of:
 - Perimeter fencing;
 - Access tracks (upgraded, existing and new);
 - Temporary construction compound and tracks
 - Temporary and permanent road re-alignment of a section of Wood of O local road;
 - c. 7.5km of underground 110kV cabling with joint bays on access track and local roads with associated horizontal directional drilling; and
 - c. 610m of medium voltage underground cabling trenching with associated horizontal directional drilling.
 - All associated and ancillary site development, excavation, construction, landscaping and reinstatement works and the provision of site drainage.

The site of the proposed development has a total area of 11.02 hectares. This application is a new 110kV Substation to connect into the existing Thornsberry Substation. The proposed substation is to facilitate the Ballyteige Solar Farm (PA Ref:2198), and the Derrygrogan Solar Farm (PA Ref:22378 and ABP 318041-23).

The applicant is seeking a **ten-year** permission from the date of consent of the 110kV Substation.

A **Natura Impact Statement (NIS)** has been prepared and accompany this planning application.

The planning application, and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such copy) during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing on 29th January 2026 at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 D01 V902 (9:15am – 5:30pm, Monday to Friday).
- The offices of Offaly County Council, Planning Department, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly, R35 F893.

The application and NIS may also be viewed /downloaded on the following website:
www.colehillsID110kv.ie

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Coimisiún Pleanála (“the Commission”) 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 in writing or online via the Commission’s website www.leanala.ie during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks relating to:

- i. The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development of the area concerned, and
- ii. the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, if carried out, and
- iii. the likely effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by An Coimisiún Pleanála not later than 5:30 p.m. on 19th March 2026 and must include the following information:

- the name of the person making the submission or observation, the name of the person acting on his or her behalf, if any, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent,
- the subject matter of the submission or observation, and
- the reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, refers).

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Commission.

The Commission may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing on the application (refer to “A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development” at www.leanala.ie).

The Commission may in respect of an application for permission decide to -

1. grant the permission, or
2. make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or
3. grant permission in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of the forgoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or
4. refuse permission

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development Section of An Coimisiún Pleanála (Telephone: 01 8588100).

A person may question the validity of any such decision of the Commission by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rule of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986, as amended by S.I. No 691 of 2011), in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed on the Commission Pleanála’s website <https://www.leanala.ie/en-ie/home> under the following headings: Legal notices – Judicial Review Notice. This information is also available on the Citizens Information Service website, www.citizeninformation.ie

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