

Minister Darragh O'Brien TD  
Department of Housing, Local  
Government and Heritage  
Custom House  
North Dock  
Dublin 1  
Ireland  
D01 W6XO

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**Our Reference**  
60657534\_ACM\_RP\_PL\_CM\_005

**Re: Direct Application to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development**

Dear Minister

Please be advised that Energia Solar Holdings Limited intends to make an application, for a period of 10 years, to An Bord Pleanála for approval of proposed electricity transmission infrastructure, and associated works in the townland of Woodtown, Rathmore, County Meath.

The Proposed Development consists of:

- (i) A new 220 kilovolt (kV) substation compound (approximately 22,639.8 square metres (m<sup>2</sup>)) including:
  - Outdoor Air Insulated Switchgear (AIS) equipment rated for the system voltage of 220kV equipped with 4 number 220kV cable bays;
  - 14 no. lightning protection masts (height 25 metres (m));
  - 2 number oil-filled step-down power transformers positioned within bunded enclosures;
  - 2 number single storey buildings including a control building with ancillary services, and a customer Medium Voltage (MV) module;
  - a 2.6m tall palisade fence;
- (ii) Removal of existing overhead line mast to facilitate the construction of 2 number Line-Cable Interface Masts (LCIMs) (21m in height) in line with the existing 220kV overhead line and installation of 220kV underground cables between the masts and substation.
- (iii) Telecommunication mast within a 225m<sup>2</sup> enclosure with a maximum height of 36m with a 2.6m tall palisade fence.

In addition to the above the proposed development will include the following:

- New site access off the L62051 and internal site access road;
- Car parking;
- 5 passing bays on the L62051;
- Drainage infrastructure; and
- All associated and ancillary site development works.

A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been prepared in respect of the Proposed Development.

Details of the Proposed Development are available at [www.cumullinsubstation.ie](http://www.cumullinsubstation.ie)

Please note that An Bord Pleanála following its consideration of the application can decide to:

- (a) (i) grant the permission/ approval, or
- (ii) make such modification to the proposed development as it species in its decision and grant permission/ approval in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or

(iii) Grant permission/ approval in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind),

And any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions;

Or

(b) Refuse to approve the proposed development.

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála ('the Board'), 64 Marlborough Street, Rotunda, Dublin 1, D01 V902, relating to –

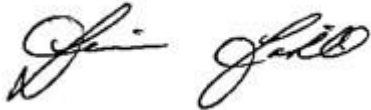
- (i) The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development, and
- (ii) The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- (iii) the likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European site.

If the proposed development is carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be received by the Board no later than 5.30pm on 11 August 2023.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any additional information or indeed a hard copy of the application.

Yours sincerely,



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