

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 AS AMENDED.

NOTICE OF DIRECT PLANNING APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA IN RESPECT OF A STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT, COUNTY MEATH.

In accordance with Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, Energia Solar Holdings Limited, gives notice of its intention 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: the construction of a new 220 kilovolt (kV) substation compound and underground cable loop in connection to the existing Gorman-Maynooth 220kV line. (i) a new 220kV substation compound (approximately 22,639.8 square metres (m²)) including: Outdoor Air Insulated Switchgear (AIS) equipment rated for the system voltage of 220 kV 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 225 square metre 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.

The planning application and NIS may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee during public opening hours **for a period of six weeks** commencing on 11 July 2023 at the following locations. The offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1; and the offices of Meath County Council's Planning Department, Buvinda House, Navan, County Meath. The application may also be viewed / downloaded at the following website once the application is lodged: www.culmullinssubstation.ie Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála ("the Board"), 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 during the above mentioned period of **six** weeks 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 carried out. Any submissions or observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board not later than 5:30p.m. on the 22 August 2023 and must include the following information: (i) 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, (ii) The subject matter of the submission or observation, and (iii) The reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full. (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Act refers). Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board. The Board may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing on the application. (For further details, see: 'A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development' on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie). The Board may in respect of an application for permission/approval decide under Section 182B to: (a) Approve the proposed development (b) Make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant approval in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or (c) Approve in respect of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind), Any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions; or (d) The Board may refuse to approve the proposed development. Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Section of An Bord Pleanála (Telephone 01 8588 100). A person may question the validity of any such decision of the Board 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), in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading Publications – Judicial Review Notice on the Board’s website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizen Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie.