

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 to 2015, NOTICE OF DIRECT APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA FOR PERMISSION IN RESPECT OF A STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

**Galway County Council**

In accordance with Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, Apple Distribution International gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for permission in relation to the proposed Power Supply Development, comprising the construction of a new 220kV substation and associated connections to the existing 220kV Cashla-Prospect and 220kV Cashla-Tynagh electricity circuits, and associated works, on lands located in the townlands of Palmerstown, Toberroe, Rathmorrissy and Caraunduff, Derrydonnell, Athenry, Co Galway.

**The proposed development will consist of the following elements:**

The 220kV substation will be constructed within a compound of approximately 8.3 hectares and will primarily consist of:

- Outdoor 220kV Air Insulated Switchgear (AIS) including circuit breakers, disconnect switches, cable sealing ends, instrument transformers, surge arrestors, and busbars. This switchgear and equipment will be mounted on steel supports (height not exceeding 15 metres);
- Reactive compensation equipment (height not exceeding 14 metres);
- Harmonic filtration equipment (height not exceeding 14 metres);
- 10 no. 220kV/20kV bundled transformers (height not exceeding 10 metres)
- 48 no. lightning masts (height not exceeding 30 metres);
- 1 no. steel monopole telecommunication mast (height not exceeding 16 metres);
- 2 no. control buildings (height not exceeding 5 metres);
- 48 no. prefabricated steel cabins (height not exceeding 4 metres);
- Internal access roads (approximately 1850m length) and 10 no. vehicle parking spaces;
- 2 no. diesel generators and associated bundled fuel tanks (tank capacities not exceeding 7,500 litres);
- External lighting for compound areas mounted on steel poles (pole heights not exceeding 10m);
- All associated underground wastewater and drainage infrastructure;
- The substation will be enclosed by a palisade fence (approximately 2.6m in height) with an electrified fence (approximately 3.6m in height) inside the palisade fence line. The substation will have 2 no. palisade double gated entrances.

The connections from the existing 220kV Cashla-Prospect and 220kV Cashla-Tynagh electricity circuits will primarily consist of;

- Construction of 7 no. 220kV towers (ranging in height from approximately 24 metres to 33 metres) and associated new 220kV overhead lines;
- Decommissioning and removal of 3 no. existing 220kV towers and associated existing 220kV overhead lines;
- Construction of 4 no. cable sealing end compounds (approximately 1500 square metres each), incorporating towers (height not exceeding 33 metres), gantries and associated equipment (height not exceeding 20 metres) enclosed by 2.6 metre high palisade fencing;
- 4 no. underground cable circuits (approximately 6,000 metres in total circuit length);
- Access tracks (approximately 1,500 metres in length)
- All associated transmission connections.

In addition there will be 11 no. medium voltage switchrooms: 2 no 364m<sup>2</sup> not exceeding 4.5m in height, 2 no 336m<sup>2</sup> not exceeding 4.5m in height, 2 no 189m<sup>2</sup> not exceeding 4.5m in height, 2 no. 150.5m<sup>2</sup> not exceeding 4.5m in height, 2 no 73.5m<sup>2</sup> not exceeding 4.5m in height, 1 no 108.5m<sup>2</sup> not exceeding 4.5m in height. The development includes associated and ancillary works comprising or relating to permanent and temporary construction and excavation.

The proposed development will serve a proposed new industrial development (namely a Data Centre) on adjoining lands located at Palmerstown and Tobberroe, Derrydonnell, which is subject to a separate planning application under S34 of the Act. That application is currently being considered by An Bord Pleanála under ABP Ref. PL07.245518.

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been prepared in respect of the proposed development.

Copies of the planning application and the Environmental Impact Statement will be available for inspection or purchased on a payment of a specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such a copy) during office hours, for a period of seven weeks commencing on the **19<sup>th</sup> of February 2016** and ending on the **8<sup>th</sup> of April 2016**, at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 D01 V902 and
- Galway County Council, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway H91 H6KX

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website: [www.appleathenrygridconnection.ie](http://www.appleathenrygridconnection.ie)

Submissions or observations may be made to An Bord Pleanála ('the Board') 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 D01 V902 during the above mentioned period of seven weeks in relation 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.

Any submissions/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 **8<sup>th</sup> of April 2016** 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.

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board. It is at the absolute discretion of the Board whether to hold an oral hearing on the case. The Board may, in respect of the application for permission, decide to:

(a) decide – (i) to grant the permission, or (ii) to 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 (iii) grant permission in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of the foregoing kind), or

(b) decide to refuse to grant the permission, and a decision to grant permission may be subject to or without conditions..

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Section of An Bord Pleanála (Telephone: 01 8588100). A person may question the validity of any such decision of the Board made in respect of the application for permission 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](http://www.pleanala.ie) or on the Citizens Information Service website [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie).

Date of Erection of Notices at the location of the proposed development: **12<sup>th</sup> of February 2016**