

Sample Notice to Prescribed Bodies

Re: Direct Application to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a strategic infrastructure development

Please be advised that Apple Distribution International intends to apply to An Bord Pleanála for permission/approval for 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, Rathmorrissey 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 banded 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 banded 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 364m² not exceeding 4.5m in height, 2 no 336m² not exceeding 4.5m in height, 2 no 189m² not exceeding 4.5m in height, 2 no. 150.5m² not exceeding 4.5m in height, 2 no 73.5m² not exceeding 4.5m in height, 1 no 108.5m² 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.

A copy of the application is enclosed for your information.

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

- (i) grant the permission/approval, or
- (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies 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 grant the permission/approval.

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála ('the Board') 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 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 or adverse effects on the integrity of a European site.

Any submissions/observations must be received by the Board not later than 5.30 p.m. on the 8th April 2016.

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