

12/12/2025

The Secretary,
An Coimisiún Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1,
D01 V902

Re: Direct Application to An Coimisiún Pleanála (ACP) in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development

Location: Townlands of Ballyteige Little, Wood of O, Corndarragh, Derrynagall or Ballydaly, Ardan and Puttaghan, Co. Offaly.

Dear Sir or Madam,

Neo Environmental Ltd (“Agent”) is acting on behalf of Ballyteige Solar Limited (the “Applicant”), who are applying for a 10 year planning permission for a new 110kV Substation to connect into the existing Thornsberry Substation. The Substation is to facilitate the Ballyteige Solar Farm (**Planning Authority Reference: 2198**), and the Derrygrogan Solar Farm (**Planning Authority Reference: 22378 and An Bord Pleanála Reference: ABP 318041-23**). A Natura Impact Statement has been prepared in respect of the application for planning permission.

This project has been the subject of a Pre-application Stage consultation for Strategic Infrastructure with An Coimisiún Pleanála (at the time it was known as An Bord Pleanála) (**ABP Reference: 316480-23**). An Coimisiún Pleanála has determined that this proposed project falls within the Strategic Infrastructure Development consent process. In confirming that this project is a Strategic Infrastructure Development project it has identified 11 prescribed bodies that have to be notified in relation to this planning application. Accordingly, we are notifying you that the application has been lodged with An Coimisiún Pleanála on 18th of December 2025.

The application pack comprises of the following:

- Planning Forms:
 - Application Form
 - Copy of Site Notice
 - Copy of Newspaper Notice (Irish Independent, Tullamore Tribune and Offaly Topic)
 - Landowner Consent Letter
 - SID Determination Letter

- Schedule of Planning Drawings
- Schedule of Pre-Application Consultation
- Volume 1:
 - Planning Statement
 - Natura Impact Statement
- Volume 2:
 - Infrastructure Drawings
- Volume 3:
 - Technical Appendix 1: Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA)
 - Technical Appendix 2: Ecological Impact Assessment (EcIA)
 - Technical Appendix 3: Archaeological and Architectural Heritage Impact Assessment (AAHIA)
 - Technical Appendix 4: Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) and Drainage Impact Assessment (DIA)
 - Technical Appendix 5: Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP)
 - Technical Appendix 6: Preliminary Construction Traffic Management Plan (PCTMP)
 - Technical Appendix 7: Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (OCEMP)
 - Technical Appendix 8: Assessment of Acoustic Impact (AAI)

The Application Fee of €100,000.00 has been paid directly to An Coimisiun Pleanála by the Applicant “Ballyteige Solar Limited” with payment reference “159920434” (transaction ID) by E.F.T.

Should you have any issues, please contact our office at the details below.

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Kind Regards,



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