

SITE NOTICE
Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála
in Respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development
Laois County Council

In accordance with Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), we, Pinewood Wind Limited give notice of our intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for a ten-year permission in relation to a proposed development in the townland of Knockardagur, Co. Laois as described below:-

- i. A 110 kilovolt (kV) 'loop-in/loop-out' Air-Insulated Switchgear (AIS) electrical substation with a 'split level' design, including 2 no. single-storey control buildings (with a Gross Floor Area of 589 square metres), 1 no. transformer bay, 2 no. line bays and all associated electrical equipment, services and lighting within an up to 2.95 metre high fenced compound (with a total footprint of 13,100 square metres);
- ii. 2 no. lattice-type strain towers with a maximum height of up to 21m and approximately 70m of 110kV overhead electricity lines to facilitate connection of the proposed substation to the permitted 110kV Laois-Kilkenny Grid Reinforcement Project electricity transmission line (An Bord Pleanála Reference PL11.VA0015);
- iii. Approximately 0.65km of on-site access track with associated site entrance from local public road (L77951); and
- iv. All associated and ancillary site development, excavation, construction, landscaping and reinstatement works, including provision of site drainage infrastructure and surface water protection measures.

The site of the proposed development has a total area of c. 5.5 hectares. The proposed development will facilitate the export of renewable electricity generated at the permitted 'Pinewoods Wind Farm' (An Bord Pleanála Reference PL11.248518/Laois County Council Planning Register Reference 16/260 & An Bord Pleanála Reference PL10.248392/Kilkenny County Council Planning Register Reference 17/62) to the national electricity grid. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement have been prepared in respect of the proposed development and accompany this planning application.

The planning application, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such a copy) during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing on 23 October 2020 at the following locations:-

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902; and
- The Offices of Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, JFL Avenue, Portlaoise, Co. Laois, R32 EHP9.

The planning application, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement may also be viewed or downloaded on the following website: www.pinewoodwindfarmsubstationsid.ie

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála ("the Board"), 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 during the abovementioned period of seven weeks relating to:-

1. The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development; and
2. The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development; and
3. 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 5.30 p.m. on 11 December 2020. Such submissions or observations must also include the following information:-

- 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 the application should be sent; and
- The subject matter of the submission or observation; and
- The reasons, consideration and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, 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 (refer to 'A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development' at www.pleanala.ie).

The Board may in respect of an application for permission/approval decide to:-

- (a) (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 the foregoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions; or
- (b) Refuse permission to grant the permission/approval.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development Section of An Bord Pleanála (Tel. 01-8588100).

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 by S.I. No. 691 of 2011), in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended. Practical Information on the review mechanism can be accessed on the Boards website (www.pleanala.ie) under the following heading: Information on cases / Weekly lists – Judicial Review of Planning Decisions. This information is also available on the Citizens Information Service website (www.citizensinformation.ie).

Signed: Galetech Energy Services

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