

The Secretary,
An Bord Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1.

7th September 2020

Dear Sir / Madam,

RE: PLANNING APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED SUBSTATION AND ASSOCIATED ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION LINE CONNECTIONS AT BRACETOWN, GUNNOCKS, PADDINGSTOWN, NORMANSGROVE, ROWAN, PORTMANNA, AND PACE, CO. MEATH

1.1 On behalf the applicant, EngineNode Ltd, and further to a determination received from An Bord Pleanála (see Appendix 1) confirming the proposed development constitutes Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) pursuant to Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), we hereby submit this planning application in respect of the provision of a 220kV Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) substation and 220kV electricity transmission line connections along with associated and ancillary works. The proposed development is located within the townlands of Bracetown, Gunnocks, Paddingstown, Normansgrove, Rowan, Portmanna, and Pace, Co. Meath. The application site has a total area of c. 14.35 hectares.

1.2 The following documentation accompanies this SID planning application:

- 3 no. copies of the planning application form;
- 3 no. copies of the letters of consent (attached to the application form);
- 3 no. copies of the site notice;
- 3 no. original copies of newspaper notices (The Herald and the Irish Independent);
- 3 no. copies of this cover letter;
- 7 no. electronic copies provided on CD ROM;
- Application Fee of €100,000;
- 3 no. copies of a Planning Report prepared by John Spain Associates;
- 3 no. copies of the Engineering Drawings and Schedule prepared by Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates (CSEA);
- 3 no. copies of an Engineering Services Report prepared by CSEA;
- 3 no. copies of an Outline Construction and Environmental Management Plan prepared by CSEA Consulting Engineers;

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- 3 no. copies of the Architectural Drawings and Schedule of Drawings prepared by Kavanagh Tuite Architects.
- 1.3 The application is also accompanied by 3 no. copies of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Non-Technical Summary prepared by AWN. The EIAR includes a Screening Report for Appropriate Assessment prepared by Moore Group as Appendix 8.1. The EIAR comprises of the following chapters:
- Chapter 1: Introduction
 - Chapter 2: Description of the Proposed Development
 - Chapter 3: Planning and Development Context
 - Chapter 4: Alternatives
 - Chapter 5: Population and Human Health
 - Chapter 6: Hydrology
 - Chapter 7: Land, Soils Geology & Hydrogeology
 - Chapter 8: Biodiversity; Flora & Fauna
 - Chapter 9: Air Quality & Climate
 - Chapter 10: Noise and Vibration
 - Chapter 11: Landscape and Visual Impact
 - Chapter 12: Archaeological, Architectural and Cultural Heritage
 - Chapter 13: Traffic and Transportation
 - Chapter 14: Material Assets
 - Chapter 15: Waste Management
 - Chapter 16: Interactions – Interrelationship between the Aspects
 - Non-Technical Summary
- 1.4 The planning application, including the Environmental Impact Assessment Report, has been made available for inspection at the following locations:
- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.
 - Meath County Council, Buvinda House, Dublin Road, Navan, Co. Meath.
- 1.5 The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website:
www.gunnockssid.com
- 1.6 The public notices were published and erected on the **7th of September 2020** and which advise that the application will be available for viewing for a period of seven weeks commencing on the **15th September 2020** and that submissions / observations must be made in writing directly to An Bord Pleanála (at An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1) not later than 5:30 pm on the **3rd of November 2020**.
- 1.7 5 no hard copies and 2 no. electronic copies have been lodged on the **7th of September 2020** with the relevant planning authority, Meath County Council, who were also named in the list of prescribed bodies provided by the Board.
- 1.8 In accordance with the Board’s determination on the pre-application consultations in respect of the proposed development, copies of the application and notification have been sent to the prescribed bodies listed below on the 7th of September 2020.

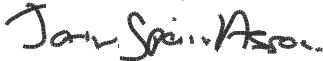
- Meath County Council (The Planning Authority for the area of the proposed development)
- Fingal County Council
- Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government
- Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (DAU)
- Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
- Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment
- Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport
- Irish Water
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- Environmental Protection Agency
- The Heritage Council
- An Taisce
- An Chomhairle Ealaíon
- Fáilte Ireland
- Health & Safety Executive
- Health & Safety Authority
- Commission for Regulation of Utilities, Water and Energy

1.9 As an EIAR is submitted as part of this application, the application has been registered on the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government's EIA Portal. A copy of the EIA Portal confirmation is attached as Appendix 2 of this cover letter. The EIA Portal ID number for this application is **2020150**.

1.10 In accordance with the requirements of the SID application form, a .dwg file with the application site boundary georeferenced using the ITM system is provided within the soft copies of the application herewith.

1.10 If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,



John Spain Associates

APPENDIX 1: AN BORD PLEANALA DETERMINATION

Our Case Number: ABP-305657-19
Your Reference: EngineNode Ltd - EngineNode



Enginenode Limited
6/9 Trinity Street,
Dublin 2

Date: 18 June 2020

**Re: Proposed substation and associations grid connection at Bracetown, Gunnocks, to the north of Clonee.
Co. Meath**

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please be advised that following consultations under section 182E of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Board hereby serves notice that it is of the opinion that the proposed development falls within the scope of section 182A of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended. Accordingly, the Board has decided that the proposed development would be strategic infrastructure within the meaning of section 182A of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. Any application for approval for the proposed development must therefore be made directly to An Bord Pleanála under section 182A(1) of the Act.

Please also be informed that the Board considers that the pre-application consultation process in respect of this proposed development is now closed.

In accordance with section 146(5) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Board will make available for inspection and purchase at its offices the documents relating to the decision within 3 working days following its decision. This information is normally made available on the list of decided cases on the website on the Wednesday following the week in which the decision is made.

The attachment contains information in relation to challenges to the validity of a decision of An Bord Pleanála under the provisions of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

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64 Sráid Maoilbhríde	64 Marlborough Street
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APPENDIX 2: CONFIRMATION FROM EIA PORTAL

EIA Portal Confirmation Notice Portal ID 2020150 EngineNode Ltd



EIAportal <EIAportal@housing.gov.ie>

To ● Luke Wymer

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Fri 04/09/2020 16:13

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An EIA Portal notification was received on 04/09/2020 in respect of this proposed application. The information provided has been uploaded to the EIA Portal on 04/09/2020 under EIA Portal ID number **2020150** and is available to view at <http://housinggovie.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=d7d5a3d48f104ecbb206e7e5f84b71f1>.

Portal ID: 2020150

Competent Authority: An Bord Pleanála

Applicant Name: EngineNode Ltd

Location: Bracetown, Gunnocks, Paddingstown, Normansgrove, Rowan, Portmanna, and Pace, Co. Meath

Description: Provision of a 220kV GIS substation and associated underground transmission cables.

Linear Development: Yes

Date Uploaded to Portal: 04/09/2020

Regards

Aisling Holohan

EIA Portal team

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