



Chief Executive,
Louth County Council,
County Hall,
Dundalk, County Louth

29 August 2023

Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: Application to An Bord Pleanála for Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) consent for a proposed 2 no. 110kV electrical substations with customer and Eirgrid compounds and 110kv grid connections on a site of c1.75 hectares at Toomes and Monvallet, County Louth.

Applicant: Hazelboro Limited.

Introduction

Please be advised that Hazelboro Limited intends to apply to An Bord Pleanála for permission for the following development:

“Proposed 2 no. 110kV electrical substations with customer and EirGrid compounds and 110kV grid connections on a c1.75ha site at Toomes and Monvallet, County Louth.

The proposed development will consist of:

- *Internal section of access road to the sub-station buildings, compounds, parking, electrical apparatus, plant and equipment; overhead and underground electrical and communications cabling;*
- *2 no. IPP buildings (modular steel construction) measuring c18.5 m x c5.5 m x c4.9 m (height), 2 no. Power Transformers, 4 no. House Transformers (House TX), parking, compound and associated works;*
- *1 no EirGrid control building (masonry construction) measuring c25.0 m x c18.0 m x c 8.8 m (height), parking, compound and associated works;*
- *Electrical apparatus, plant and equipment; overhead and underground electrical and communications cabling and associated works;*
- *2 no interface kiosks;*
- *Fencing, gates, 9 no. lightning masts and 12 no. lamp standards; and*
- *all associated works.*

The proposed underground cabling (110 kV) and ducting will extend from the proposed substation site to the existing Louth (Monvallet) 275 kV ESB substation site boundary on the opposite side of the L5141 local road.

The proposed development is in lieu of the 2 no. 37kV sub-stations permitted under planning permission ref: 21/631.

A Natura Impact Statement has been prepared in respect of the proposed development.

The permission sought is for a period of 10 years"

Please note that the Pre-Consultation with the Board in respect of this application (ref: ABP-315972-23) was made in the name of Strategic Power Projects Limited. Hazelboro Limited was set up by Strategic Power Projects as a Special Purpose Vehicle subsidiary to deliver this project. Therefore, Hazelboro Limited is now the applicant for this SID application.

The proposed development will facilitate the connection of the permitted and proposed solar farm and battery storage developments (application refs: 21/631, 21/1478 and 22/534) to the national grid at the existing substation at Monvallet, County Louth.

As directed by An Bord Pleanála, please find enclosed 5 hard copies and 2 electronic copies of the application. A copy of the application is required to be available for public inspection at the offices of the Planning Authority for the time period specified in the public notices included with the application.

The planning application and associated documentation includes:

- 5 no. copies of the application cover letter to An Bord Pleanála;
- 5 no. copies of the completed planning application form;
- 5 no. copies of the site notice;
- 5 no. copies of each newspaper notice (2 no.);
- 5 no. copies of the letter from the Applicant confirming Statutory Undertaker status authorised to carry out works for the supply of electricity under the public road.
- 5 no. copies of the letter of consent from the landowner;
- 5 no. copies of Planning Application Notification Letter to Louth County Council;
- 5 no. copies of sample Planning Application Notification Letter to the prescribed bodies and the schedule of prescribed bodies notified;
- 5 no. copies of each of the Notification Letter sent to the prescribed bodies;
- 5 no. copies of the Planning Application Drawings (see Schedules of Drawings attached to Planning Application Form);
- 5 no. copies of the Natura Impact Statement
- 5 no. copies of the Environmental Report Vol.1;
- 5 no. copies of the Environmental Report – Appendices Vol.2;
- 5 no. copies of the Decommissioning Plan;
- 5 no. copies of the Engineering Planning Report; and
- 5 no. copies of the Preliminary Construction Environmental Management Plan.

Louth County Council is required to make the Planning Application and the Natura Impact Statement (Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment) available for inspection, free of charge, or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such copy) during public opening hours **for a period of seven weeks commencing on 6 September 2023** at the offices of Louth County Council, County Hall, Dundalk, County Louth.

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website:

<https://movalletsolar110.info>

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála ('the Board') 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, in writing or online at www.pleanala.ie during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks 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 of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out.

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 **5.30 p.m. on the 25 October 2023**. Such submissions/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 to the application should be sent, the subject matter of the submission or observation, and the reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full. (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations refers).

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board.

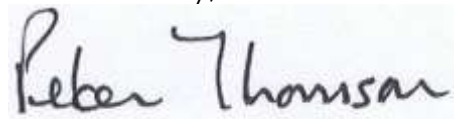
The Board may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing on the application. (For further details see 'A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development' on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie).

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

- (a)
 - (i) approve the proposed development, or
 - (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its approval and grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or
 - (iii) approve in part only, 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,
- (b) refuse to approve the proposed development.

Attached to this letter of notification is a copy of the Direction of An Bord Pleanála that the proposed development constitutes a strategic infrastructure development.

Yours faithfully,



Peter Thomson, MSc, MIPI



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The submissions on file and the inspector's report were considered at a Board Meeting held on 18/05/2023.

The Board decided that the proposed development falls within the scope of section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended and that any application for approval must therefore be made directly to An Bord Pleanála.

The applicant shall be informed that the application documentation should be forwarded to the following prescribed bodies:

1. Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
2. Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications
3. Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
4. Louth County Council
5. EirGrid
6. ESB
7. Commission for Regulation of Utilities
8. Irish Water
9. An Chomhairle Ealaíon
10. Fáilte Ireland
11. An Taisce

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Additional notifications should also be made where considered appropriate.

Board Member


Mick Long

Date: 01/06/2023