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Re: Application under Section 182A of the Planning and Development Acts (as amended) by Terra Solar II Limited for the approval of An Bord Pleanála for a period of 10 years for development at Tullabeg, Camolin, Co. Wexford. The development comprises of a 110kV 4-bay C-type electricity substation (with 33kV customer compound) (including two control buildings, lightning protection, perimeter security fencing, security lighting, drainage infrastructure, temporary construction compound) to connect to and serve a proposed solar farm (under Wexford County Council Reg. Ref. 20191272); associated loop-in infrastructure to tie into an existing 110kV overhead transmission line including underground 110kV cabling and 2 No. new end masts with 110kV line diversion cabling; vehicular entrance and access track from public road; all associated site development works including formation of berms and landscaping.

Dear Sir / Madam,

We act on behalf of Terra Solar II Limited, who wish to apply for planning permission for a period of 10 years under Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for development at Tullabeg, Camolin, Co. Wexford. The development comprises of a 110kV 4-bay C-type electricity substation (with 33kV customer compound) (including two control buildings, lightning protection, perimeter security fencing, security lighting, drainage infrastructure, temporary construction compound) to connect to and serve a proposed solar farm (under Wexford County Council Reg. Ref. 20191272); associated loop-in infrastructure to tie into an existing 110kV overhead transmission line including underground 110kV cabling and 2 No. new end masts with 110kV line diversion cabling; vehicular entrance and access track from public road; all associated site development works including formation of berms and landscaping.

This application is made following the completion of pre-application consultation with An Bord Pleanála under Section 182E of the Act. In correspondence dated the 10th October 2019, the Board confirmed their formal opinion that that the proposed development meets the definition of 'strategic infrastructure development' as defined in the legislation, and as such, that the planning application should be made directly to An Bord Pleanála.

01. Development Context

The proposed development comprises a 110kV 4-bay C-type electricity substation (with 33kV customer compound) and associated grid connection comprising loop-in infrastructure to tie into an existing 110kV overhead transmission line at Tullabeg. The purpose of the proposed substation and

grid connection is to serve a solar farm development in the townlands of Ballyclogh, Tullabeg, Medophall and Medophall Demesne. The application for planning permission for the solar panels, support infrastructure and associated ancillary development works was made to Wexford County Council on 13th September 2019 as part of a dual consent process¹. The applicant for that proposed development is also Terra Solar II Limited. Notwithstanding the necessary dual consent process, a 'one project' approach has been taken in the preparation of the separate applications made to Wexford County Council and An Bord Pleanála. This is reflected in the completed assessments/submitted reports which consider the combined solar farm project comprising the solar panels and support infrastructure, the substation and grid connection elements, and all associated enabling works.

For clarity, and as outlined in the application documentation, the application before An Bord Pleanála comprises the following:

- Provision of access track from site entrance at L-5092 to substation location;
- Construction of new 110kV substation comprising separate 110kV EirGrid compound and 33kV customer compound;
- Breaking of existing 110kV overhead lines and loop-in/out to same to facilitate connection to national grid;
- Temporary construction compound;
- Surface water drainage and water services;
- Berms;
- Site restoration and landscaping.

02. Submission Requirements

As requested, 3 no. hard copies and 7 electronic copies of the application are enclosed. A digital copy of the application boundary is also provided on a separate CD.

The relevant planning application fee of €100,000 was transferred to An Bord Pleanála on 21st October 2019. A confirmatory email on receipt of payment is enclosed.

A schedule of application documentation and separate schedule of drawings is also appended for reference.

03. Notification to Wexford County Council and Prescribed Bodies

In correspondence dated the 10th October 2019, An Bord Pleanála issued a list of prescribed bodies to be notified as part of the application. 5 no. hard copies and 2 no. electronic copies of the application have been issued to Wexford County Council. All of the other prescribed bodies were contacted to confirm the format in which they wanted to receive the application. We can confirm that all relevant

¹ Wexford County Council Reference 20191272

copies of the application were issued to these bodies on the 23rd October 2019. A full list of the notified bodies is provided as follows:

Body	Notification Date	Application Format
Wexford County Council	23rd October 2019	5 no. hard copies and 2 no. digital copies hand delivered to the offices of the Council.
Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht	23rd October 2019	2 no. digital copies sent via post.
Minister for Communications, Climate Action and the Environment	23rd October 2019	Electronic copy by email and post
Transport Infrastructure Ireland	23rd October 2019	Electronic copy by email and post.
Iarnrod Éireann	23rd October 2019	1 no. digital copy sent via post.
Fáilte Ireland	23rd October 2019	Electronic copy by email and post.
An Taisce	23rd October 2019	1 no. digital copy sent via post.
The Heritage Council	23rd October 2019	Electronic copy by email and post.
The Commission for Regulation of Utilities Water and Energy	23rd October 2019	Electronic copy by email and post.
Health Service Executive	23rd October 2019	Electronic copy by email and post.
Irish Water	23 rd October 2019	1 no. hard copy and 1 no. digital copy sent via post.



We trust the enclosed information is sufficient to allow An Bord Pleanála to process the planning application.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Conor Frehill', is written over a thin horizontal line.

Conor Frehill
HW Planning

Enclosures

- An Bord Pleanála email confirming payment of application fee;
- Schedule of application documentation;
- Schedule of application drawings;
- Notification letters to Prescribed Bodies and Wexford County Council.

