

12 December 2023

An Bord Plenála
SID Applications
64 Marlborough St, Rotunda,
Dublin 1, D01 V902,
Ireland**Re. Application under Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act (as amended), by Energia Solar Holdings Limited, for the approval by the Board, of a Planning Application for a Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID)**

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing on behalf of our client, Energia Solar Holdings Limited, who wish to apply for planning permission for a 110 Kilovolt (kV) Air Insulated Switchgear (AIS) tail-fed substation compound, combined with a 110kV underground cable for connection to Finglas substation within the townlands of Fieldstown, Clonmethan Electoral District, Co. Dublin, Leinster, Ireland.

This application is made following the completion of pre-application consultation with An Bord Pleanála under Section 182E of the Act. In correspondence, dated 26 July 2022, the Board confirmed their formal opinion 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.

1. Development Context

For clarity, and as outlined in the application documentation, the Proposed Development in its entirety comprises:

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- A shunt filter.
- Diesel generator & diesel tank.
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(ii) Grid Connection consisting of:

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- Trenchless installation in the form of horizontal directional drilling (HDD) will be used at the following locations:
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In addition to the above, the Proposed Development will include:

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An Environmental Considerations Report has been prepared in respect of the Proposed Development.

2. Submission Requirements

As requested, **two** hard copies and **eight** electronic copies of the application are enclosed. A digital copy of the application package is also provided separately.

The relevant planning application fee of €100,000¹ was transferred to An Bord Pleanála on **12 December 2023**. The receipt has been confirmed with the Executive Officer.

A schedule of application documentation and separate schedule of drawings is also presented, for reference, below.

3. Notification to Fingal County Council & Prescribed Bodies

In correspondence dated 15 July 2022, An Bord Pleanála issued a list of prescribed bodies to be notified as part of the application. 1 no. hard copy and 1 no. electronic copies of the application have been issued to Fingal County Council, as per email correspondence. A full list of the notified bodies is provided as follows:

Prescribed Body	Notification Date	Application Format
An Taisce	22 November 2023	Electronic Copy + Letter
An Chomhairle Ealaíon	22 November 2023	Electronic Copy + Letter
Commission for Regulation of Utilities	22 November 2023	Electronic Copy + Letter
Fáilte Ireland	22 November 2023	Electronic Copy + Letter
Inland Fisheries	22 November 2023	Electronic Copy + Letter
Uisce Éireann	22 November 2023	Electronic Copy + Letter
Fingal County Council	22 November 2023	Electronic copy and letter Three hardcopies and two softcopies
Meath County Council	22 November 2023	Electronic copy and letter Two hardcopies and four softcopies
Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage	22 November 2023	Electronic Copy + Letter
Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications	22 November 2023	Electronic Copy + Letter
Heritage Council	22 November 2023	Electronic Copy + Letter
Transport Infrastructure Ireland	22 November 2023	Electronic Copy + Letter

¹ Reference: Energia Solar Holdings Limited (Ref ABP-311032-21, 110KV substation & grid connection, Fieldstown, Co Dublin)

4. Schedule of Documents

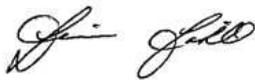
Please find enclosed the required documents, plans and reports to validate this planning application, which are detailed below:

- SID Planning Application Form
- Site Notice
- Newspaper Notice
- Supporting Planning Statement
- Statutory Planning Fee (Electronic Funds Transfer for €100,000)
- Appropriate Assessment Screening Report
- Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report
- Environmental Considerations Report (and associated appendices)
- Drawings (Schedule of drawings included as Appendix A)
- A List of Notified Bodies (See Appendix B)
- Details of Oral Meetings and Hearings
- Copy of Community Engagement Brochure

We trust the enclosed information is sufficient to allow the Board to process the planning application.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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Appendix A Schedule of Drawings

Drawing Reference	Title
HFCR-ROD-HUT-SW_KB-DR-CU-300001	Plan Layout
HFCR-ROD-HUT-SW_KB-DR-CU-300003	Site Layout
HFCR-ROD-HUT-SW_RO-DR-CU-300101	Photography Plan Layout
HFCR-ROD-HUT-SW_RO-DR-CU-300201	N2 HDD
HFCR-ROD-HUT-SW_RO-DR-CU-300211	Broadmeadow River HDD
HFCR-ROD-HUT-SW_RO-DR-CU-300221	Ward River HD
HFCR-ROD-HUT-SW_RO-DR-CU-300311	Access Track
XDC-CBL-STND-H-001-013	Ducting Layout
60657534_ACM_DWG_FT_101	Fieldstown 110kV Substation & Grid Connection Site Layout (Aerial)
60657534_ACM_DWG_FT_600	Fieldstown 110kV Substation Site Location @ 1:2500
60657534_ACM_DWG_FT_601	Fieldstown 110kV Substation Layout
60657534_ACM_DWG_FT_602	Fieldstown 110kV Substation Site Location @1:500 & Proposed 38kV OHL Diversion
60657534_ACM_DWG_FT_603	Fieldstown 110kV Substation Layout of Sections & Elevations Sheet 1/3
60657534_ACM_DWG_FT_604	Fieldstown 110kV Substation Sections 1 to 3 Sheet 2/3
60657534_ACM_DWG_FT_605	Fieldstown 110kV Substation Sections 4 & 5 Sheet 3/3
60657534_ACM_DWG_FT_606	Fieldstown 110kV Substation Mv Switchgear Container Layout And Elevations
60657534_ACM_DWG_FT_607	Fieldstown 110kV Substation EirGrid Building Layout & Elevations
60657534_ACM_DWG_FT_608	Fieldstown 110kV Substation Isometric View
60657534_ACM_DWG_FT_609	Fieldstown Drainage Layout
60657534_ACM_DWG_FT_610	Fieldstown Typical Drainage Details Sheet 1/2
60657534_ACM_DWG_FT_611	Fieldstown Typical Drainage Details Sheet 2/2
60657534_ACM_DWG_FT_612	Fieldstown 110kV Substation Typical Substation Fence Details
60657534_ACM_DWG_FT_613	Fieldstown 110kv Substation Typical Lighting Pole Details
60657534_ACM_DWG_FT_614	Fieldstown 110kV Substation Elevations 1 to 4
60657534_ACM_DWG_FT_615	Fieldstown 110kV Substation Typical Post & Rail Detail
60657534_ACM_DWG_FT_616	Fieldstown 110kV Substation Drainage Channel Crossing Standard Detail
60657534_ACM_DWG_FT_617	Fieldstown 110kV Substation Indicative Vehicle Tracking Sheet 1/2
60657534_ACM_DWG_FT_618	Fieldstown 110kV Substation Indicative Vehicle Tracking Sheet 2/2
60657534_ACM_DWG_FT_619	Fieldstown 110kV Substation Site Entrance
60657534_ACM_DWG_FT_620	Fieldstown 110kV Substation Landscape Mitigation Plan
60657534_ACM_DWG_FT_621	Fieldstown 110kV Substation Landscape Planting Plan

Appendix B List of Notified Bodies (as Determined by the Board)

- Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications
- Fingal County Council
- Meath County Council
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- An Taisce
- Fáilte Ireland
- Heritage Council
- An Chomhairle Ealaíon
- Uisce Eireann (formerly Irish Water)
- Commission for Regulation of Utilities
- Inland Fisheries Ireland

Letter to prescribed bodies were issued on 21 November 2023, an amended letter was issued on 5 December to advise of an extended submission period to account for the holiday period.

Appendix C Letters to Prescribed Bodies

An Chomhairle Ealaíon
The Arts Council
70 Merrion Square South
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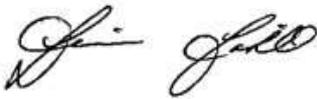
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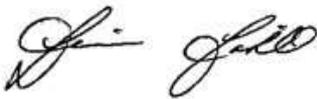
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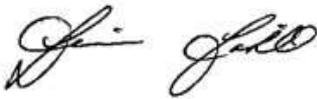
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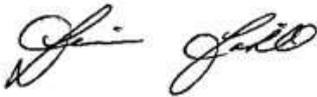
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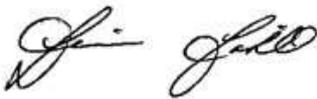
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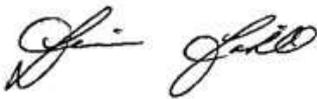
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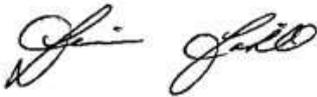
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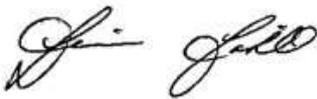
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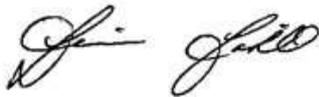
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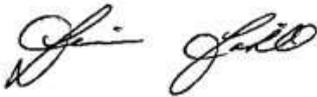
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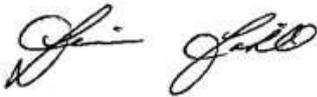
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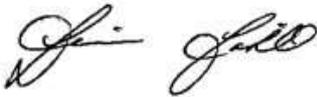
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December 2023

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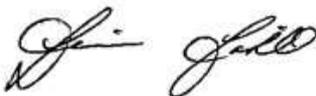
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Appendix D Statutory Undertaker Letter



An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
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22 November 2023

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RE: Fieldstown substation

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Robert Scott
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