

## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 AS AMENDED.

### NOTICE OF DIRECT PLANNING APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA IN RESPECT OF A STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT, COUNTY DUBLIN (FINGAL).

In accordance with Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, Energia Solar Holdings Limited, gives notice of its intention to make an application for a period of 10 years to An Bord Pleanála for approval of proposed electricity transmission infrastructure, cable connection and associated works in the townland of Fieldstown, Clonmethan Electoral District, County Dublin, Leinster, Ireland.

The Proposed Development comprises of (i) A 110 kV Air Insulated Switchgear (AIS) tail-fed substation compound, consisting of a single storey 110kV AIS substation building (total floor area comprising circa 450m<sup>2</sup>, height approximately 6.3m); medium voltage (MV) switchgear container and switchboard total floor area comprising circa 60m<sup>2</sup>; 110kV grid transformer and 2no. house transformers within bunded enclosures (approximately 6m high); diversion of existing 38kV overhead line (OHL); 160MV transformer positioned within bunded enclosures (height approximately 6m); a shunt filter; diesel generator & diesel tank; twelve lightning protection masts (height approximately 20m); a 2.6m high perimeter palisade fencing and post and rail (1.4m high) fencing; internal separation fencing (2.6m high) and (ii) Grid Connection consisting of a 13.3 km underground 110kV cable connection to Finglas Substation to facilitate connection to national grid; approximately 20 no. joint bays primarily within public roadways; trenchless installation in the form of horizontal directional drilling (HDD) will be used at the following locations: Broadmeadow River Bridge, Ward River Bridge on R122 and under the N2 prior to entering Finglas Substation. In addition, the Proposed Development will include a new site entrance off the R122, internal access roads and car parking, drainage infrastructure and all associated and ancillary site development works including localised alterations to the landscape. An Environmental Considerations Report (ECR) has been prepared in respect of the Proposed Development.

The planning application and ECR may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee during public opening hours, for a period of eight weeks commencing on 12 December 2023 at the following locations at the following locations. The offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1; and The Offices of Fingal County Council, Planning Department, Fingal County Council, County Hall, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y. The application may also be viewed / downloaded at the following website once the application is lodged: [www.fieldstownsubstation.ie](http://www.fieldstownsubstation.ie) Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála ("the Board"), 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 during the above mentioned period 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 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 6 February 2024 and must include the following information: (i) 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, (ii) The subject matter of the submission or observation, and (iii) The reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full. (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Act 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](http://www.pleanala.ie)). The Board may in respect of an application for permission/approval decide under Section 182B to: (a) Approve the proposed development (b) Make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant approval in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or (c) Approve in respect of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind), Any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions; or (d) The Board may refuse to approve the proposed development. Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Section of An Bord Pleanála (Telephone 01 8588 100). 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), in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading Publications – Judicial Review Notice on the Board's website [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie) or on the Citizen Information Service website [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie).