

## SITE NOTICE

### **Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development County Clare**

In accordance with Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, Renewable Energy Systems (RES) Limited gives notice of its intention to make an application for a ten-year planning permission to An Bord Pleanála in relation to the following proposed development in the townland of Coolshamroge, Ennis, Co. Clare.

The proposed development for which permission under Section 182B is being sought constitutes the following:

- A 110/33kV substation consisting of 2no control buildings, a transformer compound, a high voltage (HV) switchgear compound, a customer MV compound and associated cabling. The control buildings will consist of foundation works, block work, roofing, low voltage electrical fit out, medium voltage switchgear cladding and building finishing works.
- 2no underground 110kV cables, a cable access track and 2no overhead line towers.
- A power transformer, HV electrical equipment (4bays), Overhead line gantry, lightning protection masts, communication mast, structural steel works, circuit breakers, current transformers, voltage transformers, busbars, surge arresters, cable sealing ends, disconnectors/earth switches, surge arrestors and post insulators will be installed in the Eirgrid HV Substation Compound.
- The Customer MV Compound will consist of 2 No. capacitor banks, 1 No. reactor banks and associated circuit breakers (capacitor and reactor), 1 no. harmonic filter, resistor, pre-insertion resistor and 1 No. auxiliary transformer.
- Palisade and concrete post and rail fencing will be erected around the compound for security/protection.

This application is a new 110kV Substation to feed into the existing Drumline-Ennis 110kV overhead line (OHL) circuit. The Substation and 110kV loop in infrastructure is situated within lands at Coolshamroge, Ennis, Co. Clare. The Substation is to facilitate the Manusmore Solar Farm (PA Ref:20562), the Manusmore Solar Farm Extension (PA Ref:21915) and the Coolshamrock Solar Farm (PA Ref:22586).

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

The planning application, and NIS may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such a copy) during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at the following locations:

- The offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.
- The offices of Clare County Council, Planning Department, New Road, Ennis, Co. V95 DXP2 Clare.

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following stand-alone website:  
<https://www.coolshamrocksid.ie>

Submissions or observations may be made to An Bord Pleanála (The Board) during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks relating to:

- i. the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development,
- ii. the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- iii. the likely significant effects or adverse effect on any European site,

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 5.30pm on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Such submissions/observations must also include the following information:

- The name of the person making the submission or observations, the name of the person acting on their 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 it 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.

Submissions/observations can now be made online on the Board's website.

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 decide to:

(a) (i) grant the permission, or (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or (iii) grant permission in respect of part of 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, or

(b) refuse to grant the permission.

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 Rules 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 on the Board's website [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie) under the heading Judicial Review Notice or on the Citizens Information Services website [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

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