

CLIENT: COOLPOWRA FLEX GEN LIMITED

PROJECT NAME: COOLPOWRA

PROJECT DETAILS: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A RESERVE GAS-FIRED GENERATOR, ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM FACILITY AND GIS SUBSTATION IN THE TOWNLANDS OF COOLPOWRA, COOLDORRAGHA, BALLYNAHESKERAGH, GORTLUSKY, AND SHEEAUNRUSH, CO GALWAY

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## APPENDIX 1.1

### LANDOWNER CONSENT LETTERS

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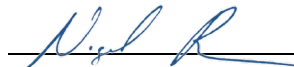
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Development Title: Coolpowra FlexGen

We, Hanney Properties Limited, DO HEREBY CONSENT to Coolpowra Flex Gen Limited making an application for planning permission on lands, outlined in blue on the attached map, which are controlled by Hanney Properties Limited situated in the townland of Coolpowra, Ballynaheskeragh, Gortlusk, Cooldorragha, and Coolnageeragh, Co. Galway.

Landowner:



Nigel Reams, Director, Hanney Properties Limited





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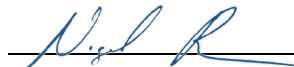
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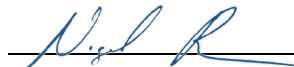
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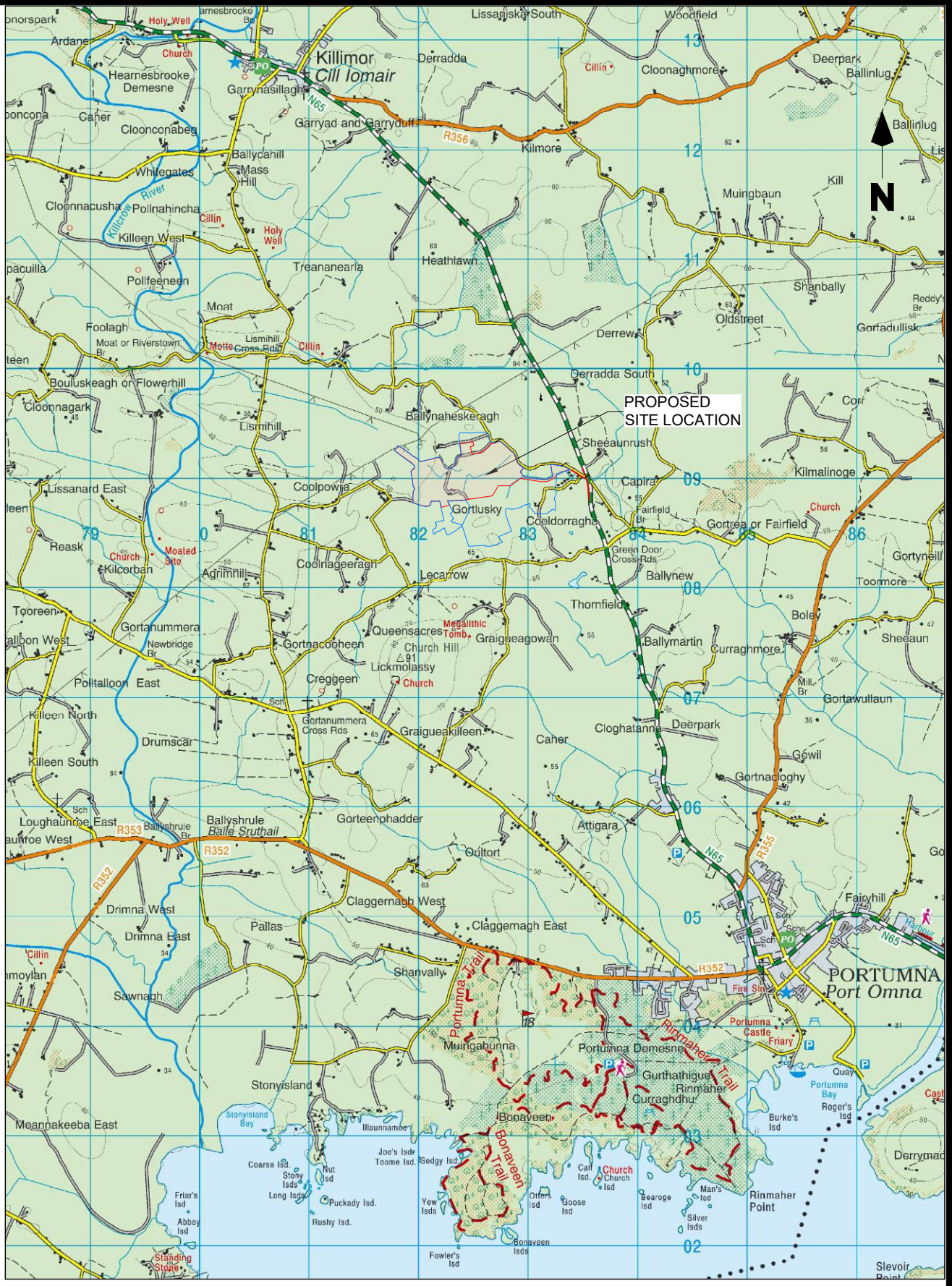
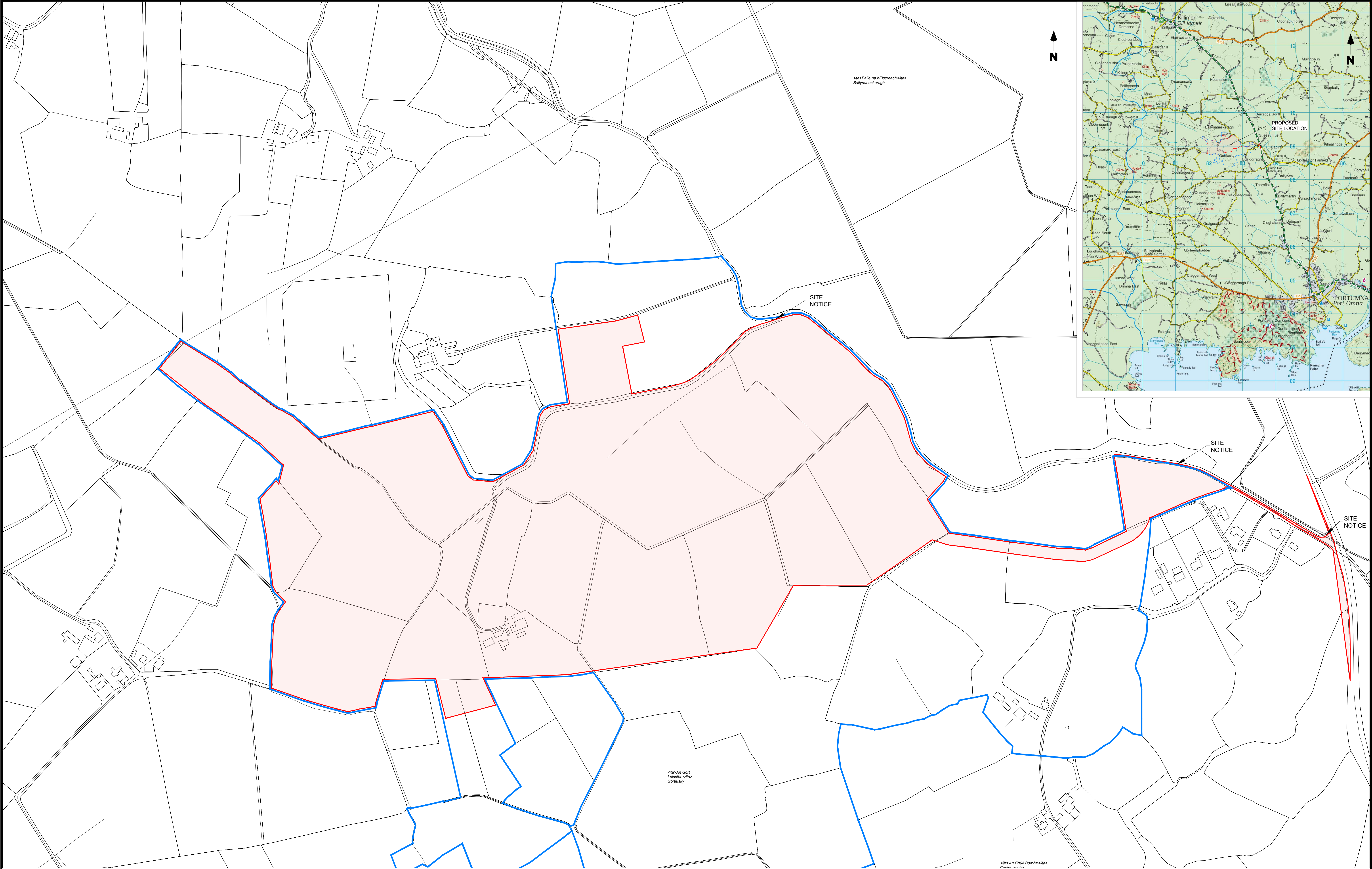
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20/05/2024

Colm Stautaun  
Halston Environmental & Planning Ltd,  
IHub Building,  
Westport Road,  
Castlebar,  
Co Mayo.  
F23 K162

Dear Mr. Staunton,

**RE: LETTER OF CONSENT TO MAKE PLANNING APPLICATION IN RELATION  
TO LANDS AT COOLPOWRA, BALLYNAHESKERAGH,  
COOLNAGEEERAGH & GORTLUSKY, CO. GALWAY**

We refer to the above matter and the proposed planning application on behalf of Coolpowra Flexgen Limited.

Please note that Galway County Council, hereby consents to the making of a planning application by Coolpowra Flexgen Ltd., for the purposes of works to public areas / lands (outlined in blue on the attached drawing CPA-HAL-OC-XX-DR-PL-1010D) bounding the L-8763.

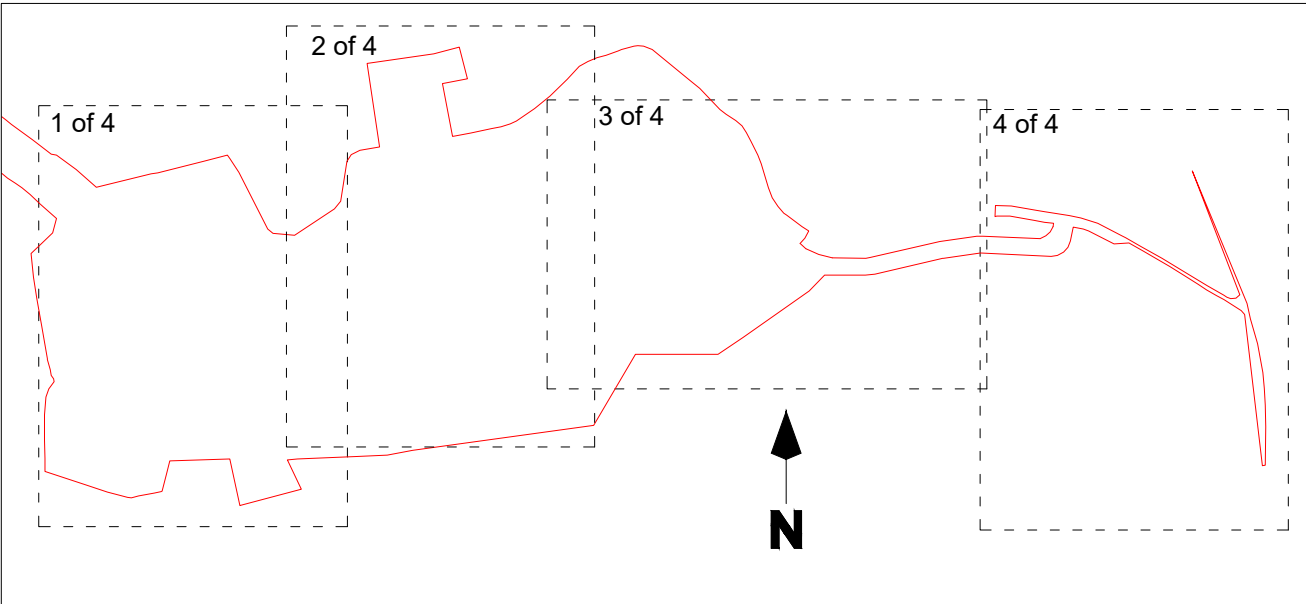
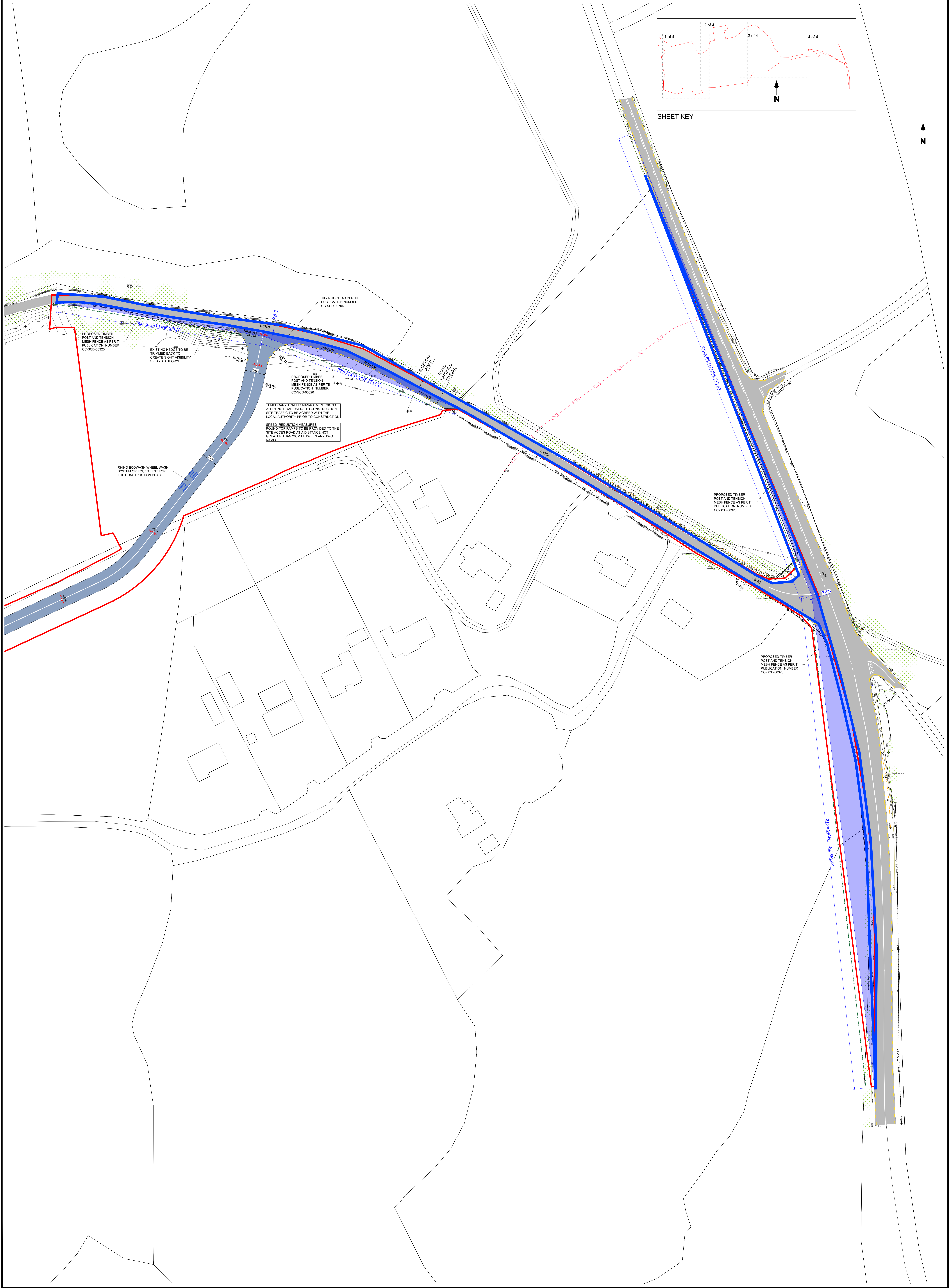
In the interest of clarity and for the avoidance of doubt this letter is issued under Article 22(2)(g) of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2022 solely for the purpose of making this planning application.

This consent is given strictly without prejudice to the outcome of the planning application.

Yours faithfully

County Secretary  
Galway Co. Council





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Date 22nd May 2024

Mr Nigel Reams

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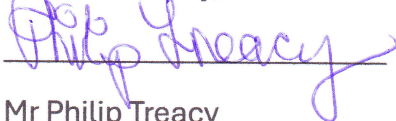
Re. Consent Letter for the Purposes of a Planning Application

Dear Nigel,

I hereby provide consent to Coolpowra Flexgen Limited applying for planning permission over my lands (Folio GY120705F) in the townland of Cooldorragha and Sheeaunrush, Portumna Co. Galway, as shown in the attached drawing. I understand that this is required for the purposes of road improvement works and improved sight lines at the junction of the N65 and L8763 public roads.

Please note that this consent is for the sole purposes of Coolpowra Flexgen Limited making an application to the appropriate planning authority and is without prejudice to any future agreements between Coolpowra Flexgen Limited and myself, please also note that, if an agreement is made in the future, no contract shall be deemed to exist until such time as contracts have been signed and exchanged and the deposit payable thereunder paid and accepted and this letter or any other correspondence shall not be deemed to be in existence or operation by Section 51 of the Land and Conveyancing Law Reform Act, 2009 or otherwise within the meaning of the Statute of Frauds Acts.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr Philip Treacy

Date 07 May 2024

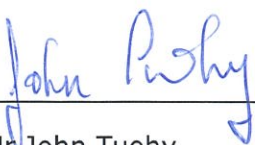
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**Re. Consent Letter for the Purposes of a Planning Application**

Dear Nigel,

I hereby provide consent to Coolpowra Flexgen Limited applying for planning permission over my lands (Folio GY19443) in the townland of Cooldorragha, Portumna Co. Galway, as shown in the attached drawing. I understand that this is required for the purposes of road improvement works and improved sight lines at the junction of the N65 and L8763 public roads.

Yours Sincerely,

  
Mr John Tuohy





Date 07 May 2024

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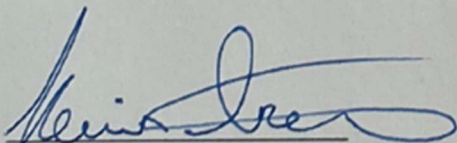
**Re. Consent Letter for the Purposes of a Planning Application**

Dear Nigel,

I hereby provide consent to Coolpowra Flexgen Limited applying for planning permission over my lands (Folio GY120706F) in the townland of Sheeaunrush, Portumna Co. Galway, as shown in the attached drawing. I understand that this is required for the purposes of road improvement works and improved sight lines at the junction of the N65 and L8763 public roads.

Please note that this consent is for the sole purposes of Coolpowra Flexgen Limited making an application to the appropriate planning authority and is without prejudice to any future agreements between Coolpowra Flexgen Limited and myself.

Yours Sincerely,

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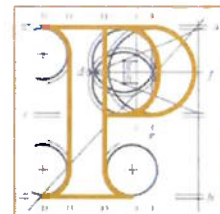
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## APPENDIX 1.2

### AN BORD PLEANÁLA SID PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION LETTERS

**Our Case Number:** ABP-319385-24

**Your Reference:** Coolpowra Flexgen Limited



**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

Halston Enviroment & Planning Limited  
IHUB, Westport Road  
Castlebar  
Co. Mayo  
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**Date:** 10 May 2024

**Re:** Proposed 400kV GIS Substation, HV Lines, Electric Plant and associated site works  
Located in the townlands of Coolpowra, Ballynaheskeragh, Coolnageeragh and Gortlusky, Co. Galway.

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please be advised that following consultations under section 182E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Board hereby serves notice that it is of the opinion that the proposed development falls within the scope of section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Accordingly, the Board has decided that the proposed development would be strategic infrastructure within the meaning of section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Any application for approval for the proposed development must therefore be made directly to An Bord Pleanála under section 182A(1) of the Act.

Please also be informed that the Board considers that the pre-application consultation process in respect of this proposed development is now closed.

The following is a list of prescribed bodies to be notified of the application for the proposed development.

- Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage,
- Minister of the Environment, Climate and Communications,
- Galway County Council,
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland,
- Commission for Regulation of Utilities,
- Uisce Eireann,

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Láithreán Gréasáin	Website	<a href="http://www.pleanala.ie">www.pleanala.ie</a>
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- Inland Fisheries Ireland,
- Health Service Executive,
- Health and Safety Authority,
- Eirgrid,
- ESB,
- An Taisce,
- The Heritage Council,
- Office of Public Works.

Further notifications should also be made where deemed appropriate.

In accordance with section 146(5) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Board will make available for inspection and purchase at its offices the documents relating to the decision within 3 working days following its decision. This information is normally made available on the list of decided cases on the website on the Wednesday following the week in which the decision is made.

In accordance with the fees payable to the Board and where not more than one pre-application meeting is held in the determination of a case, a refund of €3,500 is payable to the person who submitted the pre-application consultation fee. As a meeting was not required / only one meeting was required in this case, a refund of 3,500 will be sent to you in due course.

The following contains information in relation to challenges to the validity of a decision of An Bord Pleanála under the provisions of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

#### **Judicial review of An Bord Pleanála decisions under the provisions of the Planning and Development Acts (as amended).**

A person wishing to challenge the validity of a Board decision may do so by way of judicial review only. Sections 50, 50A and 50B of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as substituted by section 13 of the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006, as amended/substituted by sections 32 and 33 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010 and as amended by sections 20 and 21 of the Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2011) contain provisions in relation to challenges to the validity of a decision of the Board.

The validity of a decision taken by the Board may only be questioned by making an application for judicial review under Order 84 of The Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986). Sub-section 50(7) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 requires that subject to any extension to the time period which may be allowed by the High Court in accordance with subsection 50(8), any application for judicial review must be made within 8 weeks of the decision of the Board. It should be noted that any challenge taken under section 50 may question only the validity of the decision and the Courts do not adjudicate on the merits of the development from the perspectives of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and/or effects on the environment. Section 50A states that leave for judicial review shall not be granted unless the Court is satisfied that there are substantial grounds for

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contending that the decision is invalid or ought to be quashed and that the applicant has a sufficient interest in the matter which is the subject of the application or in cases involving environmental impact assessment is a body complying with specified criteria.


Section 50B contains provisions in relation to the cost of judicial review proceedings in the High Court relating to specified types of development (including proceedings relating to decisions or actions pursuant to a law of the state that gives effect to the public participation and access to justice provisions of Council Directive 85/337/EEC i.e. the EIA Directive and to the provisions of Directive 2001/12/EC i.e. Directive on the assessment of the effects on the environment of certain plans and programmes). The general provision contained in section 50B is that in such cases each party shall bear its own costs. The Court however may award costs against any party in specified circumstances. There is also provision for the Court to award the costs of proceedings or a portion of such costs to an applicant against a respondent or notice party where relief is obtained to the extent that the action or omission of the respondent or notice party contributed to the relief being obtained.

General information on judicial review procedures is contained on the following website,  
[www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie).

Disclaimer: The above is intended for information purposes. It does not purport to be a legally binding interpretation of the relevant provisions and it would be advisable for persons contemplating legal action to seek legal advice.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board or email [sids@pleanala.ie](mailto:sids@pleanala.ie) quoting the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

  
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Executive Officer  
Direct Line: 01-8737125

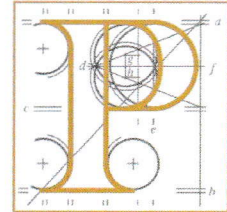
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Halston Environmental and Planning  
IHub Building  
Westport Road  
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Co. Mayo

**Date:** 10 May 2024

**Re:** Reserve Gas-Fired Power Generator, GIS Electrical Substation, Energy Storage System (ESS) and associated site development works.  
Coolpowra, Ballynaheskeragh, Coolnageeragh and Gortlusky, Co. Galway.

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please be advised that following consultations under section 37B of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Board hereby serves notice under section 37B(4)(a) that it is of the opinion that the proposed development falls within the scope of paragraphs 37A(2)(a) and (b) of the Act. Accordingly, the Board has decided that the proposed development would be strategic infrastructure within the meaning of section 37A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Any application for permission for the proposed development must, therefore, be made directly to An Bord Pleanála under section 37E of the Act.

Please also be informed that the Board considers that the pre-application consultation process in respect of this proposed development is now closed.

Attached is a list of prescribed bodies to be notified of the application for the proposed development.

- Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage,
- Minister of the Environment, Climate and Communications,
- Galway County Council,
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland,
- Commission for Regulation of Utilities,
- Uisce Eireann

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- Environmental Protection Agency,
- An Taisce
- The Heritage Council,
- Health and Safety Authority,
- Office of Public Works.

Further notifications should also be made where deemed appropriate.

In accordance with section 146(5) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Board will make available for inspection and purchase at its offices the documents relating to the decision within 3 working days following its decision. This information is normally made available on the list of decided cases on the website on the Wednesday following the week in which the decision is made.

In accordance with the fees payable to the Board and where not more than one pre-application meeting is held in the determination of a case, a refund of €3,500 is payable to the person who submitted the pre-application consultation fee. As a meeting was not required / only one meeting was required in this case, a refund of 3,500 will be sent to you in due course.

The following information relates to challenges to the validity of a decision of An Bord Pleanála under the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

#### **Judicial review of An Bord Pleanála decisions under the provisions of the Planning and Development Acts (as amended).**

A person wishing to challenge the validity of a Board decision may do so by way of judicial review only. Sections 50, 50A and 50B of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as substituted by section 13 of the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006, as amended/substituted by sections 32 and 33 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010 and as amended by sections 20 and 21 of the Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2011) contain provisions in relation to challenges to the validity of a decision of the Board.

The validity of a decision taken by the Board may only be questioned by making an application for judicial review under Order 84 of The Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986). Sub-section 50(7) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 requires that subject to any extension to the time period which may be allowed by the High Court in accordance with subsection 50(8), any application for judicial review must be made within 8 weeks of the decision of the Board. It should be noted that any challenge taken under section 50 may question only the validity of the decision and the Courts do not

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adjudicate on the merits of the development from the perspectives of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and/or effects on the environment. Section 50A states that leave for judicial review shall not be granted unless the Court is satisfied that there are substantial grounds for contending that the decision is invalid or ought to be quashed and that the applicant has a sufficient interest in the matter which is the subject of the application or in cases involving environmental impact assessment is a body complying with specified criteria.

Section 50B contains provisions in relation to the cost of judicial review proceedings in the High Court relating to specified types of development (including proceedings relating to decisions or actions pursuant to a law of the state that gives effect to the public participation and access to justice provisions of Council Directive 85/337/EEC i.e. the EIA Directive and to the provisions of Directive 2001/12/EC i.e. Directive on the assessment of the effects on the environment of certain plans and programmes). The general provision contained in section 50B is that in such cases each party shall bear its own costs. The Court however may award costs against any party in specified circumstances. There is also provision for the Court to award the costs of proceedings or a portion of such costs to an applicant against a respondent or notice party where relief is obtained to the extent that the action or omission of the respondent or notice party contributed to the relief being obtained.

General information on judicial review procedures is contained on the following website, [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie).

Disclaimer: The above is intended for information purposes. It does not purport to be a legally binding interpretation of the relevant provisions and it would be advisable for persons contemplating legal action to seek legal advice.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board or email [sids@pleanala.ie](mailto:sids@pleanala.ie) quoting the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

  
Raymond Muwaniri  
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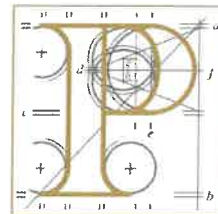
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**Our Case Number:** ABP-319385-24

**Your Reference:** Coolpowra Flexgen Limited



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Halston Enviroment & Planning Limited  
IHUB, Westport Road  
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Co. Mayo  
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**Date:** 23 May 2024

**Re:** Proposed 400kV GIS Substation, HV Lines, Electric Plant and associated site works  
Located in the townlands of Coolpowra, Ballynaheskeragh, Coolnageeragh and Gortlusky, Co.  
Galway.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer further to its letter to you dated 10th May, 2024.

Please be advised that the Board's Direction on this case was omitted from the letter and is now attached for your information.

Yours faithfully,

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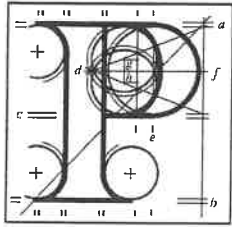
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**Board Direction**  
**BD-016248-24**  
**ABP-319385-24**

The submissions on file and the inspector's report were considered at a Board Meeting held on 08/05/2024.

The Board decided that the proposed development consisting of a 400kV Gas Insulated Substation, and all associated works on lands at in the townlands of Coolpowra, Ballynaheskeragh, Coolnageeragh and Gortlusky, Co. Galway, as described in the documents received by the Board on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024, and augmented by the updated layout received by the Board on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023, falls within the scope of Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and that a planning application should be made directly to the Board.

The applicant shall be informed that the application documentation should be forwarded to the following prescribed bodies for the purposes of Section 182A(4)(b) of the Act:

- Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage,
- Minister of the Environment, Climate and Communications,
- Galway County Council,
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland,
- Commission for Regulation of Utilities,
- Uisce Eireann,
- Inland Fisheries Ireland,
- Health Service Executive,
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- The Heritage Council,
- Office of Public Works.

Further notifications should also be made, where deemed appropriate.

**Board Member**



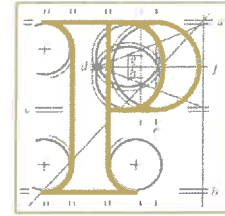
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Peter Mullan

**Our Case Number:** ABP-319073-24

**Your Reference:** Coolpowra Flexgen Limited



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Halston Environmental and Planning  
IHub Building  
Westport Road  
Castlebar  
Co. Mayo

**Date:** 23 May 2024

**Re:** Reserve Gas-Fired Power Generator, GIS Electrical Substation, Energy Storage System (ESS) and associated site development works.  
Coolpowra, Ballynaheskeragh, Coolnageeragh and Gortlusky, Co. Galway.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer further to the above-mentioned proposed development and in particular to its letter to you dated 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2024.

Please note that the Board inadvertently omitted from this letter its decision in relation to the GIS substation Energy Storage System, Synchronous Condenser and their associated works.

The Board decided, in accordance with section 37B(4)(b) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, that the proposed GIS substation, Energy Storage System, Synchronous Condenser and their associated works set out in the initial submission received by the Board on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2024, and shown on revised plans received 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024 do not fall within the scope of Section 37A of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended. Attached is a copy of the Board Direction.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board or email [sids@pleanala.ie](mailto:sids@pleanala.ie) quoting the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

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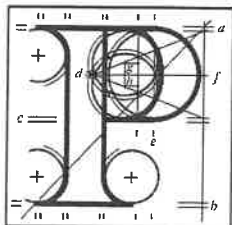
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**Board Direction**  
**BD-016249-24**  
**ABP-319073-24**

The submissions on file and the inspector's report were considered at a Board Meeting held on 08/05/2024.

The Board decided that the proposed development consisting of a Reserve Gas Fired Generator and its associated works as set out and delineated in the revised plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála in correspondence received 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024, falls within the scope of Section 37A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and that a planning application should be therefore be made in the first instance to An Bord Pleanála. The proposed development is also considered to be of strategic importance by reference to the requirements of Section 37A(2)(a) and 37A(2)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. An application for permission for the proposed development must therefore be made directly to An Bord Pleanála under Section 37E of the Act.

The Board recommended the application documents should be forwarded the list of Prescribed Bodies below for their consultation and consideration for the purposes of Section 37E (3) (c) of the Act:

- Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage,
- Minister of the Environment, Climate and Communications,
- Galway County Council,
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland,
- Commission for Regulation of Utilities,
- Uisce Eireann
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- The Heritage Council,
- Health and Safety Authority,
- Office of Public Works.

Further notifications should also be made, where deemed appropriate.

**Board Member**



**Date:** 08/05/2024

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Peter Mullan

**Note:**

For clarity I recommend that the applicant be informed that the GIS substation, Energy Storage System, Synchronous Condenser and their associated works set out in the initial submission received by the Board on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2024, and shown on revised plans received 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024 do not fall within the scope of Section 37A of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended.

## APPENDIX 1.3

**SID CONSULTATION LETTERS TO PRESCRIBED BODIES  
(REFER TO SID PLANNING FORM, APPENDIX E)**

APPENDIX 1.4

APPLICANT CONSENT LETTERS TO AGENT (APPLICATIONS TO GALWAY CO.  
CO & AN BORD PLEANÁLA)