

Planning and Development Act 2000 (as Amended)

NOTICE OF SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO AN COIMISIÚN PLEANÁLA IN RESPECT OF A STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT UNDER REFERENCE NUMBER ABP-320095-24

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

In accordance with sub-section 2(b) of 37F of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended, Coolpowra Flexgen Limited gives notice of its furnishing of significant additional information to An Coimisiún Pleanála in relation to the following proposed development in the townlands of Coolpowra, Cooldorragha, Ballynaheskeragh, Gortlusky and Sheeaunrush, County Galway.

The proposed development for which permission is being sought constitutes a Reserve Gas-Fired Generator located which is designed to provide power and back-up to the power grid. The proposed Reserve Gas-Fired Generator comprises three Open Cycle Gas Turbine (OCGTs) units which will be positioned within a building. The proposed Reserve Gas-Fired Generator location is adjacent to a proposed Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) electricity substation and proposed Energy Storage System (ESS) facility which are subject to separate concurrent planning applications with An Bord Pleanála and Galway County Council respectively. The Reserve Gas-Fired Generator will electrically connect to the adjoining 400kV High Voltage (HV) electricity network at the Oldstreet node in Co. Galway. The proposed development will include: (i) demolition of an existing farmhouse, outbuildings and agricultural sheds; (ii) construction of a Reserve Gas-Fired Generator building which will house 3no. 385MW OCGT units, 3no. 45m high stacks with Continuous Emissions Monitoring System (CEMS), 3no. recessed and roof mounted air intake filter houses and ducts, fire suppression skid and distribution system, power control centre and balance of plant (BoP), administration control /building containing a control room, offices administration and welfare facilities; (iii) secondary fuel storage tanks and unloading area (3no. fuel storage tanks, fuel pumping plant, fuel polishing plant, air compressor and fuel forwarding building);(iv) 3no. banded HV transformers and auxiliary transformers; (v) Air insulated switchgear (AIS) compound containing HV electrical lines /cables, circuit breakers and associated electrical plant; (vi) fin fan coolers with a 7m high noise barrier;(vii) 3no. containerised emergency diesel generators with integrated stacks; (viii) Above Ground Installation (AGI) compound containing above ground pipework, a regulator house enclosure, instrument kiosk, boiler house enclosure and analyser kiosk; gas heater compound; (ix) firewater pump building and firewater storage tank; (x) workshop and stores; (xi) security building;(xii) temporary construction compound); (xiii) a main entrance connecting to the L8763 public road; (xiv) improvement works to the L8763 and the junction of the N65/L8763 public roads; and (xv) all ancillary development including new internal roads, fencing and gates, car parking, lighting, utilities, lightning protection masts, underground services, landscaping and associated engineering works to provide for the connection of site services and foul and surface water management and drainage.

This application is seeking a ten-year permission. The application relates to development for the purpose of an activity requiring an Industrial Emissions Licence from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Industrial Emissions Directive. It also relates to a Lower Tier COMAH establishment and therefore falls under the requirements of the Control of Major Accident Hazard (COMAH) Regulations, 2015. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared and accompanies this planning application.

In response to submissions received by An Coimisiún Pleanála ("the Commission"), the Commission has determined the applicant's response to comprise significant additional information. Significant additional information includes proposals for an alternative construction access arrangement and associated site boundary revisions. The alternative construction access arrangement comprises construction of a new access point on to the N65 and L8763 public roads and improvement works at these access points. A new NIS associated with the proposed alternative construction access and an addendum EIAR is included with this application.

The planning application, EIAR, addendum EIAR and two (2no.) 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 30 days commencing on 15 May 2026 at the following locations:

- The offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.
- The offices of Galway County Council, Planning Department, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway, H91 H6KX.

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following stand-alone website: www.coolpowraflexgen.com

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 during the above-mentioned period of 30 days 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 if carried out, and
- (iii) the likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies). There is no fee required to make a submission in relation to those parties/individuals who have already made a valid written submission to the Commission regarding the application. Submissions or observations must be received by the Commission no later than 5.30 p.m. on the 15 June 2026. Such submissions/observations must also include the following information:

- 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,
- The subject matter of the submission or observation, and
- The reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full.

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Commission.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development Section of An Coimisiún Pleanála (Tel. 01- 8588100).

A person may question the validity of any such decision by the Commission 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 An Coimisiún Pleanála website (www.pleanala.ie) or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie.

Signed,



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Date of Erection of Site Notice: 15 May 2026