

ORAL HEARING NOVEMBER 2013

AN BORD PLEANÁLA REF. 11.VA0015 LAOIS - KILKENNY REINFORCEMENT PROJECT

AGENDA / ORDER OF APPEARANCE

Module A Opening of Oral Hearing

1. Opening remarks by Inspector.
2. Review of attendance and outline plan of proceedings. Participants will be requested to inform the Inspector during this session of the estimated time required to complete their submission in Module B.
3. Applicant's summary description of physical development and explanation of planning permission sought (45 minutes maximum).

Module B Presentation/Submissions

4. Applicant's substantive submission. The applicant should regard the submitted planning application, environmental impact statement and Natura impact statement as read. It is suggested, however, that the presentation should follow the topic headings set out in the EIS with an emphasis on the matters which have been raised in the submissions by the Planning Authorities, prescribed bodies and observers, both following the initial submission and the submission of the EIS as further information. These issues are noted to include, but not exhaustively, the adequacy of the public participation process and transparency prior to the lodgement of the application, the nature and purpose of the proposed development, including alleged future proofing, the adequacy of the non-technical summary of the EIS, the consideration of alternatives, visual impact, including the season chosen for the photomontages and the possibility of placing a portion of the power lines underground, and the risk of pollution of the underlying aquifer and local water supply
5. Planning Authorities – Laois County Council and Kilkenny County Council.
6. Prescribed Bodies.
7. Observers' submissions (including Public Representatives). Observers should aim to be concise. Again, there will be no need to repeat, at length, the content of the written submissions.

Module C Cross-questioning of/by Participants

8. It is intended to break this module into broad sections related to the main subject headings which emerge from the applicant's substantive presentation in Module B. The intended order of questioning (if any) of the participants (by any other participant) will be as set out below, subject to the discretion of the Inspector.

Participants are requested to ensure that their consultants/expert witnesses are available to participate in this module. Should it be necessary a more specific timetable may be prepared by the Inspector.

9. Applicants
10. Planning Authority
11. Prescribed Bodies
12. Observers

Module D Possible Conditions

13. Without prejudice to the ultimate outcome of the application, participants will be invited to suggest appropriate conditions which might be attached in the event of planning permission being granted. The order of such submissions will be as set out under Module C. Conditions may include those relating to community gain.

Module E Closing Submissions

14. Participants may give a brief summary of their views (several minutes maximum per summary). The order of closing submissions will be in the reverse order of that set out at Module C and D above. These closing submissions are intended to present an opportunity to summarise the position of the participants having heard all presentations and responses to questions, etc. It is not a time for the presentation of any new material or new legal argument, under any circumstances, and, in particular, written material cannot be presented as part of any closing submission.

Parties should note that while the first day of the hearing will commence at 11.00 am, it is expected that the subsequent day(s) will start at an earlier time.