Transboundary Environmental Public Consultation

Planning Application for proposed Nuclear Power Station at Sizewell C, Suffolk, England, UK

In accordance with the provisions of the 1991 United Nations Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context ("the Espoo Convention"), the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government received notification from the UK Planning Inspectorate ("PINS") in relation to a development consent application ("the planning application") by NNB Generation Company (SZC) Limited for a proposed Nuclear Power Station at Sizewell C, Suffolk, England. The proposed development includes two UK European Pressurised Reactor UK EPR™ reactor units, giving a total output capacity of approximately 3,940MWEL. The Secretary of State decided to notify Ireland as if the development would be likely to have significant adverse transboundary effects on the environment in this State, as provided for in Article 3(1) of the Espoo Convention. The screening assessment is available at: https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN010012-002271

A member of the public may make a written submission or observation in relation to the potential transboundary environmental effects of the project, by sending them to his or her local planning authority, to be received by close of business on Wednesday 28 October 2020 at the latest. Submissions or observations should not be made to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

Due to the voluminous nature of an application for development consent at this scale, the Applicant has also produced a ‘Navigation Document’, summarising the structure of the application for development consent for the Proposed Development.

All documentation related to the development consent application for the proposed development is also available to view on the website of the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government at: www.housing.gov.ie. Correspondence from the UK’s PINS, digital copies of extracts from the applicant’s Environmental Statement, associated documents and links provided by the UK’s PINS to the full Environmental Statement and all other documentation relating to the development consent application for the proposed development.

Due to social distancing measures introduced in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, viewing may be by appointment only in certain local authority offices. It is strongly advised to contact your local authority to clarify the position in this regard before travelling to view the documentation.

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In the interests of transparency, it should be noted that, following consultation with the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, each planning authority will forward to the UK’s PINS all submissions or observations it receives through this public consultation, and may also forward a summary of the submissions or observations. Submissions or observations received, or a summary of same, may be published on the website of the planning authority concerned or on a website of the UK’s PINS. The DHPLG will not publish any submissions or observations or summary of same.

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