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28th August 2025

**Re: Planning Compliance Submission Additional Details for Condition 7 of ABP
Reference 02.VA0017 – North-South 400 kV Interconnector Project**

Dear Sir,

I refer to the above An Bord Pleanála Board Order for the North-South 400 kV Interconnector project 02.VA0017.

You will be aware of the ongoing planning discussions taking place between ESB and Monaghan, Meath and Cavan County Councils.

Arising from those discussions, ESB made a compliance submission in relation to condition 7 to Monaghan on 30th April 2025.

Monaghan County Council requested additional details on 25th June 2025. This submission provides all the requested details in the attached report. This is the original report updated to incorporate the required details with Appendix 5 pointing to where all the details are provided.

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Appendix 5 – Responses to Council Queries

Council Query No.1

Scaled plans and elevations of the following structures proposed to be placed on the site;

- a. prefab staff offices*
- b. portable toilets*
- c. nut and bolt store*
- d. waste collection area*
- e. refuelling area including any tanks or dispensing equipment*
- f. lamp standards / posts, indicating specific heights at specific locations*

Response

For points a, b, c, d, please refer to drawing PE687-D422-041-001.

No tanks or dispensing equipment is envisaged at the refuelling area.

For point f, refer to drawing 24051-MWP-ZZ-ZZ-DR-C-0112 which indicates lighting column heights at all lighting column locations.

Council Query No.2

Clarification if racking or shelving (or indeed any other structure) is proposed to be placed on the site in the areas on the submitted site layout marked:-

- a. pole storage*
- b. hardware and general materials storage*
- c. steel members storage*
- d. conductor drums*
- e. intermediate towers*
- f. 30 degree angle towers*
- g. 60 degree angle towers*
- h. 90 degree angle towers*
- i. wheel wash*

and scaled plans and elevations of all structures proposed to be erected on these areas.

Response

For point a, please refer to Pole Stanchion Plan and Elevation views on drawing PE687-D422-041-001.

For points b to i, no racking or shelving is proposed to be placed on the site. It should be noted, the maximum height of conductor drums is proposed as 3m.

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Council Query No.3

Plans indicating the palisade fencing and entrance gates painted dark green powder coated to match the colour of the fence posts and to assist in the integration of the fencing in the interests of visual amenity.

Response

Drawings updated to indicate dark green powder coated (RAL 6005) palisade fence and entrance gates.

Council Query No.4

Clarification of the maximum height of the palisade fencing above the ground level either side of the entrance gates. It is noted that it could be up to 6 metres in height above the ground levels at this location.

Response

Palisade fencing height above ground level will be 2.6m at all locations. The entrance gate width is proposed to be 6m.

Council Query No.5

Images of the appearance of the proposed acoustic fence/sound barrier and silt barriers.

Response

Please refer to Section 3 of this report.

Council Query No.6

Clarification of what the structure indicated to the right of the proposed entrance gates is on the "proposed elevation along road L4700" (drawing 24051-MW-ZZ-ZZ-DR-C-D102), submission of scaled plans of same, and an indication its position on the site layout.

Response

Notes added to drawing identifying this structure as an existing telecom pole to be removed.

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Council Query No.7

A site layout indicating details of landscaping along the northwestern, southwestern and southeastern boundaries of the site to facilitate the visual screening of the site and the structures proposed to be placed on it, particularly where the hedgerow is required to be removed to facilitate the provision of the required visibility splays. The details of landscaping should include types, heights, location and numbers of trees and hedgerows to be planted, and the timescale to do so as the first planting season following commencement of the works.

Response

Please refer to drawing in Appendix 4.

Council Query No.8

A site layout indicating the area where during the operation of the site, it is proposed to stock pile the stripped material for reuse in the restoration process. Details would also be required of the maximum heights of stock piled material. It is noted on drawing PE6897-D422-039-002-000 that it is stated that stripped material that is to be stockpiled on site will be used in the restoration process.

Response

Please refer to areas indicated on drawing 24051-MWP-ZZ-ZZ-DR-C-0102 where it is envisaged soil stockpiles will be placed. The heights of these stockpiles will depend on the technical properties of the soil, but it is estimated the stockpiles will not exceed 3m in height.

Council Query No.9

Clarification of the proposal to reinstate the roadside wall on the restoration site layout plan (drawing PE6897-D422-039-002) and details of same.

Response

Note on drawing PE6897-D422-039-002 updated to indicate roadside bank to be reinstated as no wall could be identified during follow-up site visit.



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I look forward to your response and if you have any queries please contact the undersigned at brendan.allen@esb.ie or 086 8336990.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Brendan Allen', positioned above a horizontal line.

Brendan Allen FIPI

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