

03 December 2025

Wildlife Licensing Unit,
Department of Housing, Local
Government and Heritage,
National Parks and Wildlife Service,
Wildlife Licensing Unit,
90 North King Street,
Smithfield,
Dublin 7
D07 N7CV

Dear Sir / Madam,

RE: Combined Cycle Gas Turbine and Open Cycle Gas Turbine Thermal Power Plant, Electricity Grid Connection including 2 no. substations, and associated buildings, plant, site works, services and ancillary development

Derrygreenagh Power, Co. Offaly

Regulation 54 Derogation License Application

On behalf of the Applicant for the above-referenced Derogation License, Bord na Móna Powergen Ltd.¹, we wish to advise the Wildlife Licensing Unit that this license is required as a matter of urgency in order to inform the determination of an existing Strategic Infrastructure Development ('SID') planning application².

The SID planning application was submitted to An Bord Pleanála (now An Coimisiún Pleanála, 'ACP') in February 2024 and is currently awaiting determination. ACP has requested the submission of a bat derogation license for the proposed development, for the period 2026, in advance of determining the application. In this regard, it should be noted that the development of new electricity generation capacity such as that proposed in this application, has been highlighted by the Government as "a national priority" that "*should be permitted and supported in order to ensure security of electricity supply and support the growth of renewable electricity generation*"³. The Government communication, in Departmental Circular Letter PL12/2021, goes on to note that "the determination of all such planning applications should be prioritised as much as possible".

In light of the above, and in order to facilitate the determination of this nationally-important SID

¹ c/o Bord na Móna, Main Street, Newbridge, Co. Kildare

² ACP Ref. PA19.319023

³ Circular PL 12/2021 – Government Policy Statement of Security of Electricity Supply, <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-housing-local-government-and-heritage/circulars/circular-pl-122021-government-policy-statement-on-security-of-electricity-supply/>

application without further delay, we respectfully request prompt processing and consideration of this license application. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned in the event of any queries.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Barrett', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Ed Barrett
Director

