

An  
Bord  
Pleanála

## Application Form for Permission / Approval in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development

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Please specify the statutory provision under which your application is being made:	Under section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (amended)
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2. **Applicant:**

Name of Applicant:	Harmony Solar Mullingar Limited
Address:	Ballyseskin House, Kilmore, Co. Wexford Y35 K3CR
Telephone No:	053 917 5000
Email Address (if any):	<a href="mailto:info@harmonysolar.ie">info@harmonysolar.ie</a>

**3. Where Applicant is a company (registered under the Companies Acts):**

Name(s) of company director(s):	John Swan, David McNamara, Stephen Walshe
Registered Address (of company)	Ballyseskin House, Kilmore, Co. Wexford
Company Registration No.	585635
Telephone No.	053 917 5000
Email Address (if any)	info@harmoneysolar.ie

**4. Person / Agent acting on behalf of the Applicant (if any):**

Name:	Fehily Timoney and Company
Address:	Fehily Timoney & Company Consultants Core House Pouladuff Road Ballyphehane Cork T12 D773
Telephone No.	021 496 4133
Mobile No. (if any)	N/A
Email address (if any)	<a href="mailto:brian.cronin@ftco.ie">brian.cronin@ftco.ie</a>

**Should all correspondence be sent to the above address? (Please tick appropriate box)**

(Please note that if the answer is "No", all correspondence will be sent to the Applicant's address)

Yes: [ X ] No:[ ]

Contact Name and Contact Details (Phone number) for arranging entry on site if required / appropriate:

Brian Cronin

Tele: 021 496 4133

**5. Person responsible for preparation of Drawings and Plans:**

Name:	Jack Foley
Firm / Company:	TLI Group
Address:	Unit 8 Airways Technology Park Rathmulling West Ballygarvan Co. Cork Ireland T12 ER8K
Telephone No:	066 71 35710
Mobile No:	086 606 7626
Email Address (if any):	jack.foley@tli.ie
All details of plans/drawings submitted can be found on the schedule of drawings which is submitted with this application form.  Please refer to Addendum 1 of this Application Form.	

**6. Site:**

Site Address / Location of the Proposed Development (as may best identify the land or structure in question)	Within the townlands of Clondardis and Slane More, County Westmeath.	
Ordnance Survey Map Ref No. (and the Grid Reference where available)	Map Series 1:5000 Prime Data Raster Reference no. 2769 ITM: 637429, 754247	
Where available, please provide the application site boundary, as shown in the submitted plans / drawings, as an ESRI shapefile in the Irish Transverse Mercator (ITM IRENET95) co-ordinate reference system. Alternatively, a CAD file in .dwg format, with all geometry referenced to ITM, may be provided.		
Area of site to which the application relates in hectares	ha	4.5
Site zoning in current Development Plan for the area:	Agriculture	
Existing use of the site & proposed use of the site:	Existing: Agriculture  Proposed: The proposed development involves the development of an electrical substation which will serve an adjacent solar farm.	
Name of the Planning Authority(s) in whose functional area the site is situated:	Westmeath County Council	

**7. Legal Interest of Applicant in respect of the site the subject of the application:**

Please tick appropriate box to show applicant's legal interest in the land or structure:	Owner	Occupier
	Other [x]	
Where legal interest is "Other", please expand further on your interest in the land or structure.		
The Applicant is a Developer of solar energy projects. The Applicant intends to develop the proposed substation to serve the consented Clondardis Solar Farm. There are option agreements in place on the lands, with all landowners as listed in the next box.		
<b>If you are not the legal owner</b> , please state the name and address of the owner and supply a letter from the owner of consent to make the application as listed in the accompanying documentation.		
Ms. Kathleen McEneaney, 6 Woodbrook, Sandpit Termonfeckin, Drogheda, Co. Louth		
Ms. Bridget Healy, Clondardis, Walshestown, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath		
Mr. Brendan and Ms. Una Sweeney, Slane More, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath		
Please see enclosed Letters of Consent from the above referenced landowners included in Addendum 2 of this application.		
Does the applicant own or have a beneficial interest in adjoining, abutting or adjacent lands? If so, identify the lands and state the interest.		
Yes, the Applicant has an interest in adjoining lands which are scheduled for development as the Clondardis Solar Farm, consented under Westmeath County Council planning ref. 20/6132		

**8. Site History:**

**Details regarding site history (if known):**

Has the site in question ever, to your knowledge, been flooded?

Yes: [ ] No: [ X ]

If yes, please give details e.g. year, extent:

Are you aware of previous uses of the site e.g. dumping or quarrying?

Yes: [ ] No:[ x ]

If yes, please give details:

**Are you aware of any valid planning applications previously made in respect of this land / structure?**

Yes: [ X ] No: [ ]

If yes, please state planning register reference number(s) of same if known and details of applications

<b>Reg. Ref. No:</b>	<b>Nature of Proposed Development</b>	<b>Nature of Final Decision of Application Grant of Refusal by Planning Authority / An Bord Pleanála</b>
17/6239 ABP- 301116-18	Ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) farm consisting of the following; up to an area of 139,520 m2 of solar panels on ground mounted steel frames within a site area of 46.3 hectares;	Granted 15/02/2019
20/6132	Amendment of the design of the approved development (Westmeath County Council Planning Reg. Ref. 17/6239 & An Bord Pleanala Reg, Ref. PL25M.301116)	Granted 28/10/2020

If a valid planning application has been made in respect of this land or structure in the 6 months prior to the submission of this application, then any required site notice must be on a yellow background in accordance with Article 19(4) of the Planning and Development regulations 2001 as amended.

**Is the site of the proposal subject to a current appeal to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a similar development?**

Yes: [ ] No:[ X ]

If yes please specify

An Bord Pleanála Reference No.: \_\_\_\_\_

## 9. Description of the Proposed Development:

<p>Brief description of nature and extent of development</p>	<p>In accordance with section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), Harmony Solar Mullingar Limited gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for a 10 year permission in relation to the following proposed development in the townlands of Clondardis and Slane More, County Westmeath.</p> <p>The proposed development will constitute the provision of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Construction of a 110 kV Substation and associated works within a site of approximately 4.5 hectares. The Substation, comprising a total compound footprint of 1.29 hectares, enclosed by palisade fencing, will comprise:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 1 No. single storey substation control building (435 m<sup>2</sup>);</li><li>○ 1 No. single storey customer MV Building (325 m<sup>2</sup>);</li><li>○ Switchgear, Arc Suppression Coil, Cable Sealing Ends, Cable Chair, Circuit Breakers, Current Transformers, Disconnects, Post Insulators, Surge Arrestors, Grid Code Compliance Equipment and Voltage Transformers;</li><li>○ 8 No. lightning masts to a height of approximately 18 m;</li><li>○ 1 No. telecommunications pole to a height of approximately 22 m;</li><li>○ 2.6m high palisade guard railing with perimeter boundary fencing will be erected around the periphery of the compound for security and protection measures;</li><li>○ Lighting will be provided by 4 no. lamp posts approximately 3m in height as well as exterior wall mounted lights on the control buildings.</li></ul></li><li>• Erection of 2 no. line-cable interface masts to enable a loop-in/loop-out connection to the existing Mullingar-Lanesborough 110 kV overhead line. The steel lattice masts will extend to heights of 16m and 15m above existing ground level.</li></ul>
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**10. In the case of mixed development (e.g. residential, commercial, industrial, etc), please provide breakdown of the different classes of development and a breakdown of the gross floor area of each class of development:**

Class of Development:	Gross Floor Area in m <sup>2</sup>
N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A

**11. Where the application relates to a building or buildings:**

Gross floor space of any existing buildings(s) in m <sup>2</sup>	N/A
Gross floor space of proposed works in m <sup>2</sup>	Substation control building: 435 m <sup>2</sup> Customer MV switchgear room: 325 m <sup>2</sup>
Gross floor space of work to be retained in m <sup>2</sup> (if appropriate)	N/A
Gross floor space of any demolition in m <sup>2</sup> (if appropriate)	N/A

**12. In the case of residential development please provide breakdown of residential mix:**

Number of	Studio	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	4 + Bed	Total
Houses	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Apartments	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Number of car-parking spaces to be provided		Existing: N/A	Proposed: N/A			Total: N/A	

**13. Social Housing:**

Please tick appropriate box:	Yes	No
<i>Is the application an application for permission for development to which Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 applies?</i>		X
<p>If the answer to the above question is “yes” and the development is not exempt (see below), you must provide, as part of your application, details as to how you propose to comply with section 96 of Part V of the Act.</p> <p>If the answer to the above question is “yes” but you consider the development to be exempt by virtue of section 97 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, a copy of the Certificate of Exemption under section 97 must be submitted (or, where an application for a certificate of exemption has been made but has not yet been decided, a copy of the application should be submitted).</p> <p>If the answer to the above question is “no” by virtue of section 96 (13) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, details indicating the basis on which section 96 (13) is considered to apply to the development should be submitted.</p>		

**14. Where the application refers to a material change of use of any land or structure or the retention of such a material change of use:**

Existing use (or previous use where retention permission is sought)
Agriculture
Proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain)
The proposed development involves the development of an electrical substation to serve an adjacent solar farm.
Nature and extent of any such proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain).
The proposed development involves the development of an electrical substation to serve an adjacent solar farm.

**15. Development Details:**

Please tick appropriate box:	If answer is yes please give details	YES	NO
Does the proposed development involve the demolition of a Protected Structure(s), in whole or in part?			X
Does the proposed development consist of work to a protected structure and / or its curtilage or proposed protected structure and / or its curtilage?			X
Does the proposed development consist of work to the exterior of a structure which is located within an architectural conservation area (ACA)?			X
Does the application relate to development which affects or is close to a monument or place recorded under section 12 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act, 1994.			X
Does the application relate to work within or close to a European Site or a Natural Heritage Area?			X
Does the development require the preparation of a Natura Impact Statement?			X
Does the proposed development require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report?			X
Do you consider that the proposed development is likely to have significant effects on the environment in a transboundary state?			X
Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purpose of an activity requiring an integrated pollution prevention and control license			X
Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purpose of an activity requiring a waste license?			X
Do the Major Accident Regulations apply to the proposed development?			X
Does the application relate to a development in a Strategic Development Zone?			X
Does the proposed development involve the demolition of any habitable house?			X

**16. Services:**

<b>Proposed Source of Water Supply:</b>
Existing connection: <input type="checkbox"/> New Connection: <input type="checkbox"/> Public Mains: <input type="checkbox"/> Group Water Scheme: <input type="checkbox"/> Private Well: <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (please specify): Mains supply not required. Water will be transported onto site and tanked. _____ Name of Group Water Scheme (where applicable): N/A _____
<b>Proposed Wastewater Management / Treatment:</b>
Existing: <input type="checkbox"/> New: <input type="checkbox"/> Public Sewer: <input type="checkbox"/> Conventional septic tank system: <input type="checkbox"/> Other on site treatment system: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please Specify: A wastewater holding tank will be situated on-site and will be managed off-site by a licensed operator. _____
<b>Proposed Surface Water Disposal:</b>
Public Sewer / Drain: <input type="checkbox"/> Soakpit: <input type="checkbox"/> Watercourse: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please specify: Surface water is diffused over ground and incorporated into the existing field drain network

**17. Notices:**

Details of public newspaper notice – paper(s) and date of publication
Copy of page(s) of relevant newspaper enclosed Yes: [ X ] No:[ ]
Details of site notice, if any, - location and date of erection
Copy of site notice enclosed Yes: [X ] No:[ ]
Details of other forms of public notification, if appropriate e.g. website
The application may also be viewed /downloaded on the following website: <a href="http://clondardissid.ie">clondardissid.ie</a>

**18. Pre-application Consultation:**

<b>Date(s) of statutory pre-application consultations with An Bord Pleanála</b>
<b>Schedule of any other pre application consultations –name of person / body and date of consultation to be provided as appropriate and also details of any general public consultations i.e. methods, dates, venues etc. This can be submitted as a separate schedule with the application form.</b>
Enclosed:  Yes: [ X ] No:[ ] A copy of this consultation correspondence is included in Addendum 3 of the planning form.  Schedule of prescribed bodies to whom notification of the making of the application has been sent and a sample copy of such notification.  Enclosed:  Yes: [ X ] No:[ ] this list is included in Addendum 4 of the planning form


**19. Confirmation Notice:**

<b>Copy of Confirmation Notice</b>
Attach a copy of the confirmation notice in relation to the EIA Portal where an EIAR accompanies the application. <b>This SID application does not require an EIAR.</b>

**20. Application Fee:**

Fee Payable	€100,000
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**I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given in this form is correct and accurate and that the application documents being deposited at the planning authority offices, and any other location specified by the Board in pre application consultations, including a website (if any) will be identical to the application documents being deposited with the Board.**

Signed: (Applicant or Agent as appropriate)	
Date:	31/03/2023

**General Guidance Note:**

The range and format of material required to be compiled / submitted with any application in respect of a proposed strategic infrastructure development shall generally accord with the requirements for a planning application as set out in the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 to 2018 and those Regulations should therefore be consulted prior to submission of any application.

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