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Interim Guidelines on High Voltage Electric Cables in Public Roads

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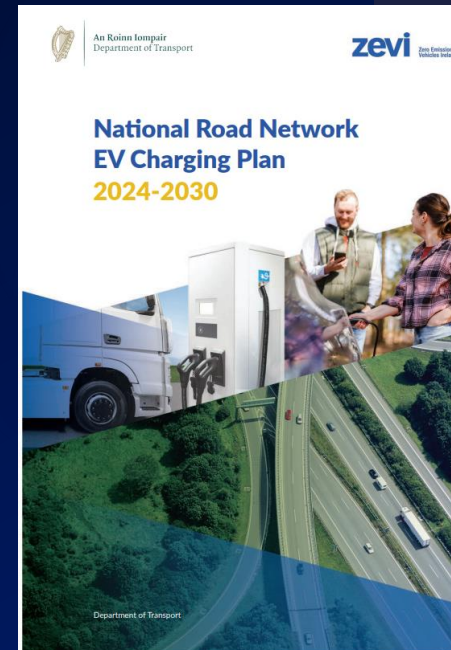
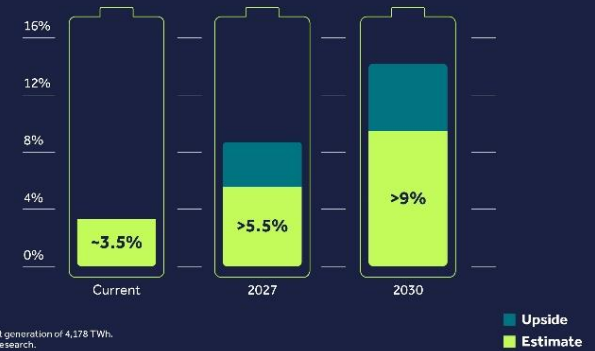
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Why?

- *Energy demand is increasing*
 - *Data*
 - *AI*
- *Electricity use is increasing as we decarbonise other energy use (Heating or Transport)*



Data centre demand as % of electricity generation



Why?

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Just six TDs were in the Dáil when the vote came before the House.



Analysis

Why?

- *Transmission infrastructure plays a pivotal role as it facilitates the integration renewable energy sources into the grid*
- *The Public Road offers*
 - *routing option that (generally) avoids landowners*
 - *has less environmental impacts*
 - *physical protection*

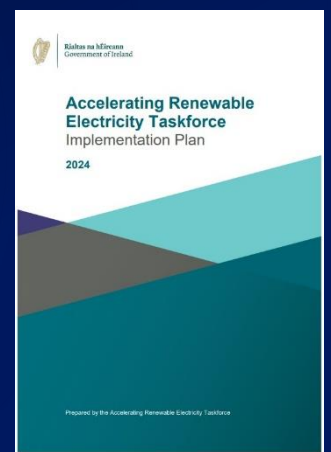
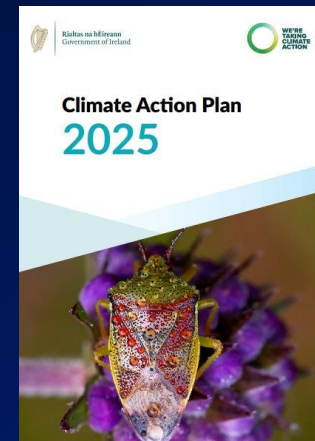
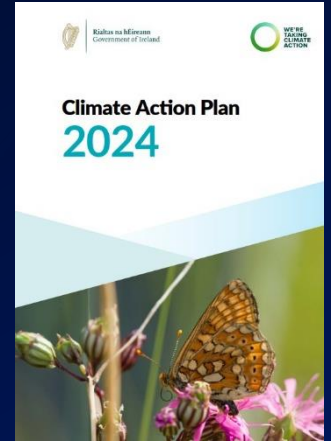
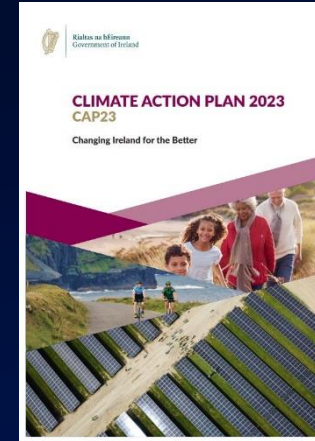


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Why?

“All relevant public bodies will carry out their functions in a manner which supports the achievement of the renewable electricity targets, including, but not limited to, the use of road and rail infrastructure to provide a route for grid infrastructure where this is the optimal solution.”




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Why?

High Court rules An Bord Pleanála must prioritise climate law in wind farm case likely to affect all public bodies



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An Bord Pleanála to appeal landmark wind farm judgement

The Board has said that it will seek to apply to the High Court to re-open the judgment and will further seek a certificate of appeal.



Stephen Robb
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29 January 2025





The decision proved to be highly topical at the recent Wind Energy Association annual conference.

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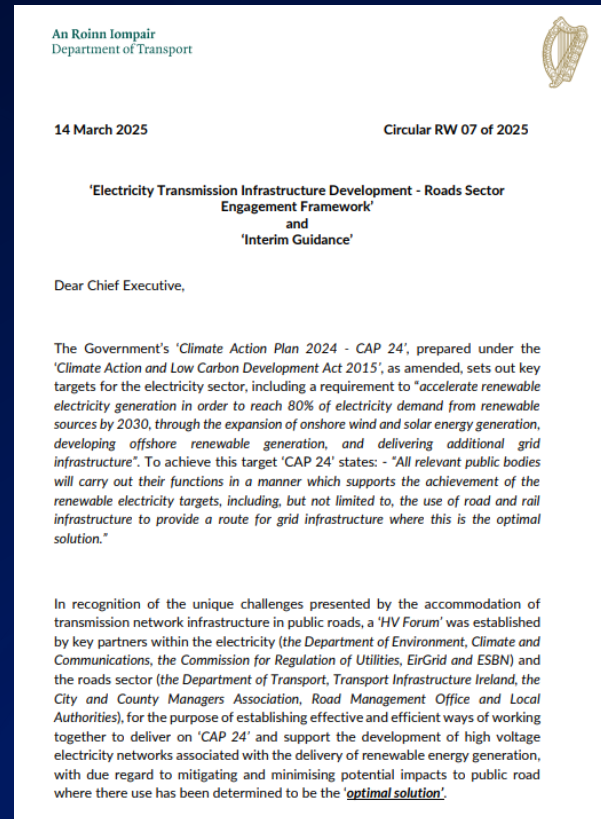
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What?

The interim guidelines are

- Issued under circular
- guidance to Road Authorities in their role licensing road openings or making submissions to Planning Authorities
- Issued *pro tem* until the development of any procedures for the planning, regulation, construction and management of Medium, or High Voltage cables under public roads through the HV Forum or successor groups



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What?

The interim guidelines

- Can be updated based on learning and experiences so feedback is helpful
- Apply to all rural roads (>60km/h) but elements are helpful for urban roads
 - Sections 6-9 particularly

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What?

The interim guidelines **do not**

- apply to new Transmission Network Projects developed by the TSO where the 'Electricity Transmission Infrastructure Development Roads Sector Engagement Framework' will apply.
 - Sections 6-9 of the interim guidance document will be relevant to the process
- apply to LV Distribution Cables installed by the DSO or DAO. Road licensing processes, as set out in the Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads and TII CC-PAV-are applicable to those situations.

Electricity Transmission Infrastructure Development

Roads Sector Engagement
Framework

February 2025

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Who?



The following persons or bodies have powers to place MV/HV cables in the Public Road:

1. **ESBN/ESB**
2. **EirGrid**
3. **Any person or body with site specific consent from the CRU under S.48 of the 1999 Electricity Regulation Act.**
4. **Any person or body with the agreement of each and every landowner who owns the substratum of the public road.**

Analysis

Where an application for consent is made to open the road this should be accompanied by evidence of the status as appropriate

Applications from agents, contractors etc. are not appropriate.

 An Act of Parliament
2013
Regulation of Electricity
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1992-2022

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20 August ██████████

Our Ref: ██████████

Re: Request for Section 48 consent under the Electricity Regulation Act, 1999

Dear Mr ██████████ and Mr ██████████

I refer to ██████████ Ltd's, ██████████ application to the CRU under Section 48 of the Electricity Regulation Act 1999 (the "1999 Act") for consent to exercise the powers conferred on the ESB under Section 51 and Section 52(1) of the Electricity (Supply) Act 1927. This consent only applies to the section of the grid connection to be laid under the public road as indicated in the application.

The CRU understands that the application for these powers is for the purpose of the construction of the internal cabling of the wind farm at ██████████

The CRU trusts that ██████████ will exercise its rights under Section 48 of the 1999 Act, in a proportionate and reasonable manner. ██████████ should also ensure that it conforms to industry best practice when exercising these rights.

The CRU has granted ██████████ an authorisation under Section 16 of the 1999 Act to construct a generating station – this authorisation being a pre-requisite for the Section 48 consent.

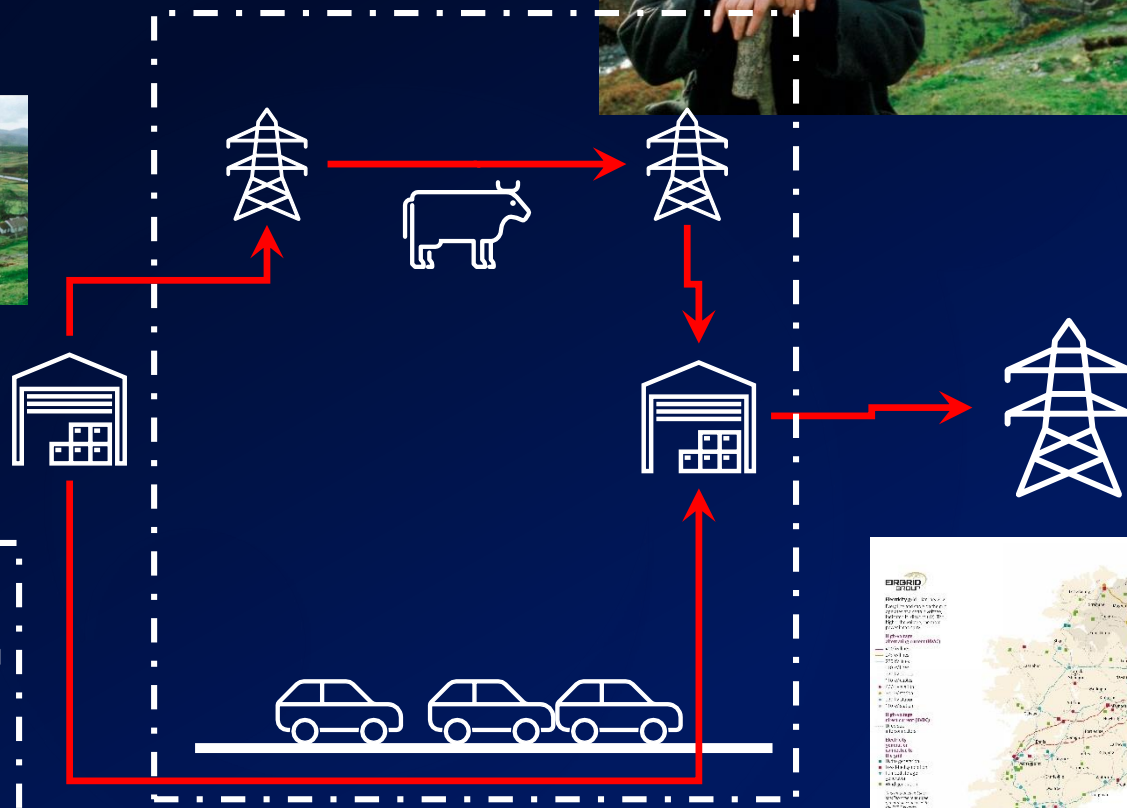
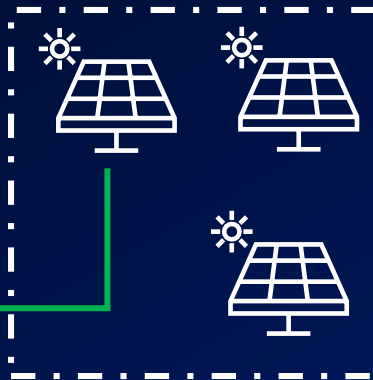
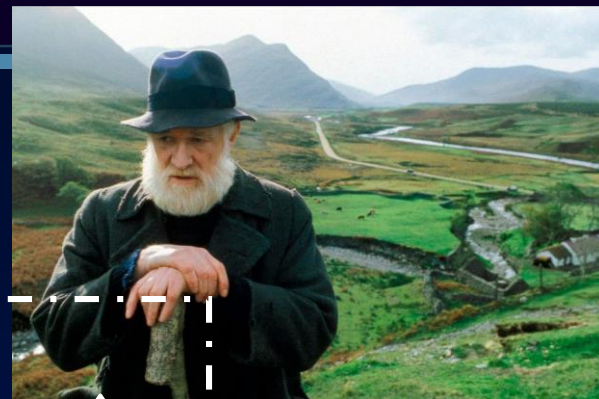
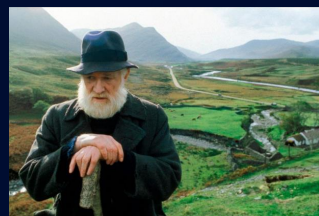
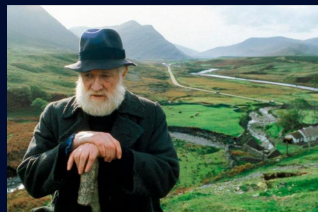
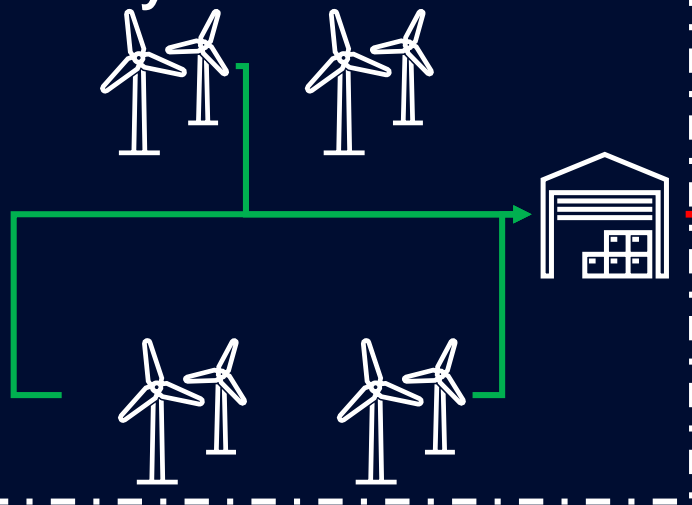
In consideration of all of the above, pursuant to Section 48 of the 1999 Act, I am writing to advise you that the CRU consents to the exercising by ██████████ of the powers conferred on the ESB by Section 51 and Section 52(1) of the Electricity (Supply) Act 1927 (as amended).

This consent is being granted for the purposes of the build of a 33kV underground electricity line to connect the ██████████ at ██████████ to the new ██████████ substation at ██████████ and may not be used for any other purposes.

This consent will remain valid until the earlier of:

- The date that the contestable construction of the grid connection for the development of a generation station is commissioned; or
- The date that the Connection Agreement is terminated for the development of a generation station.

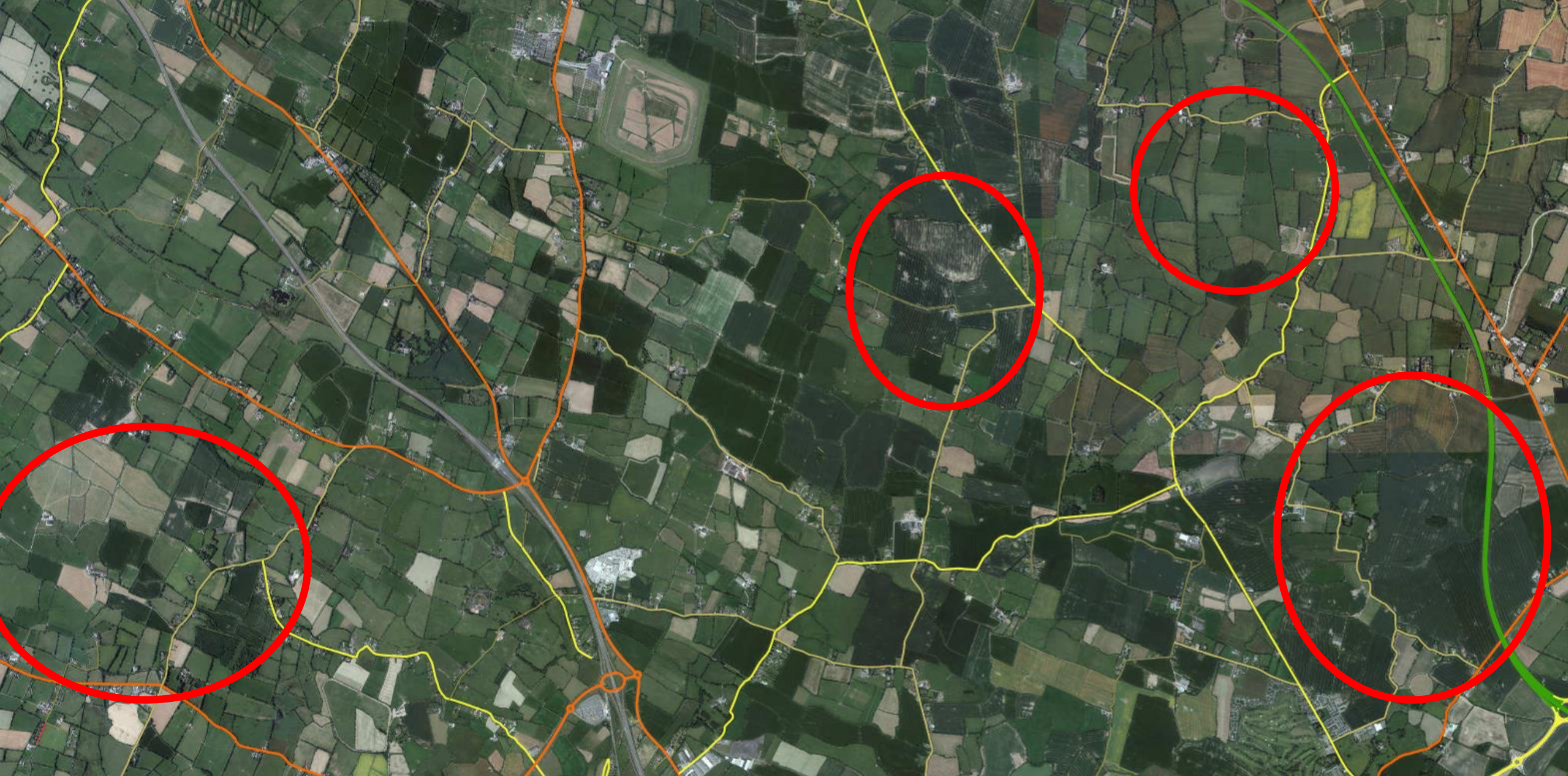
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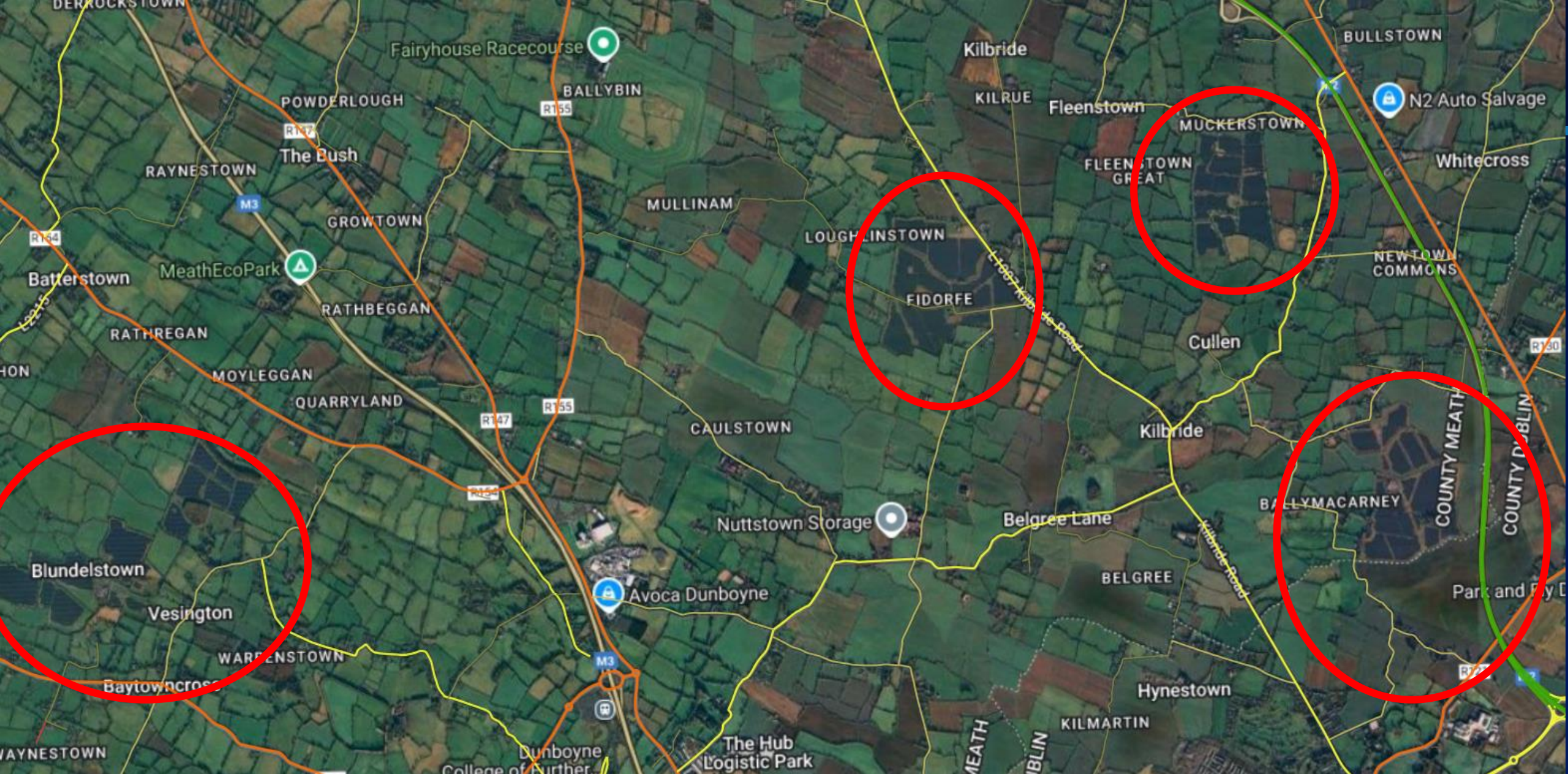


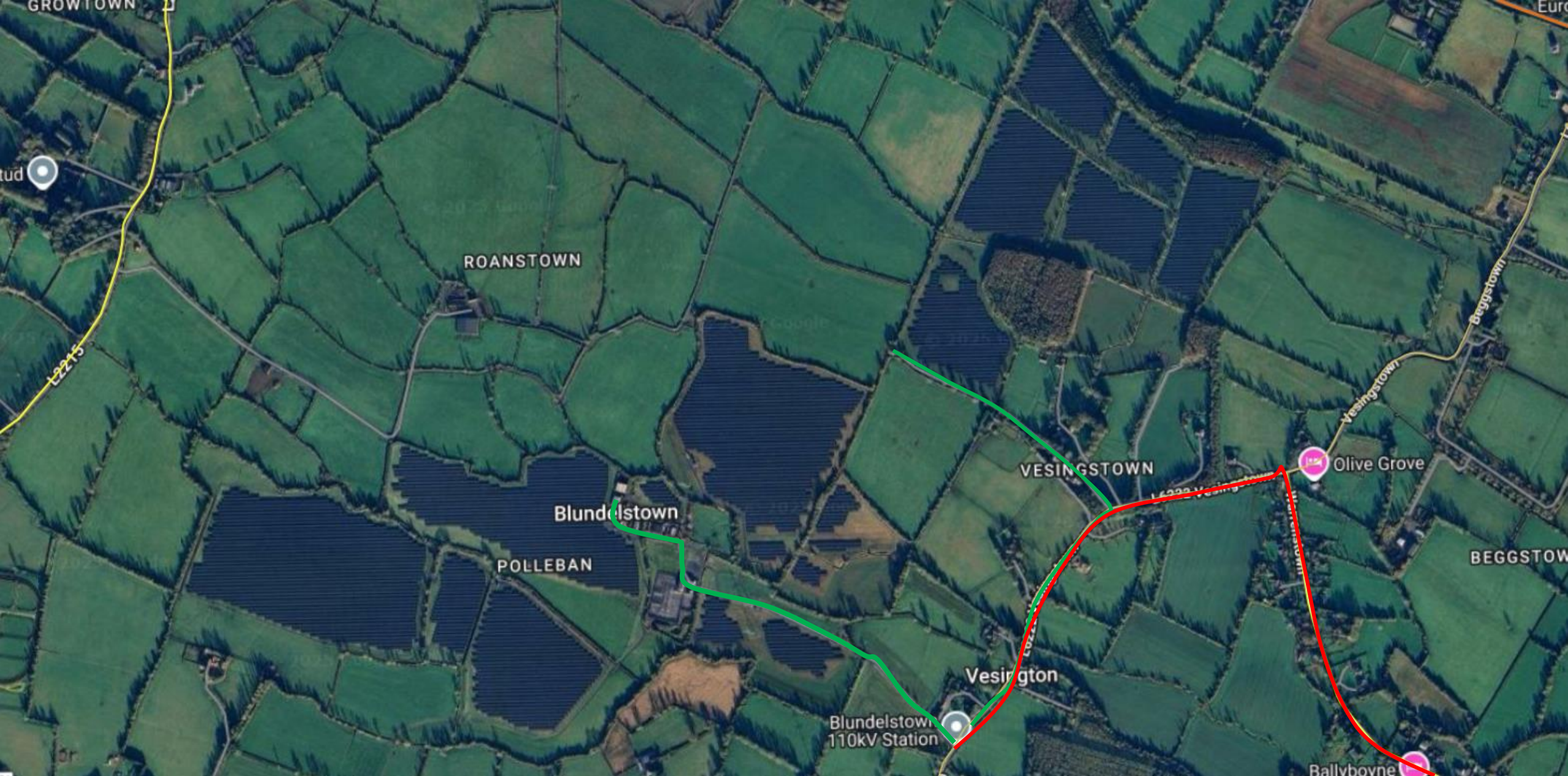
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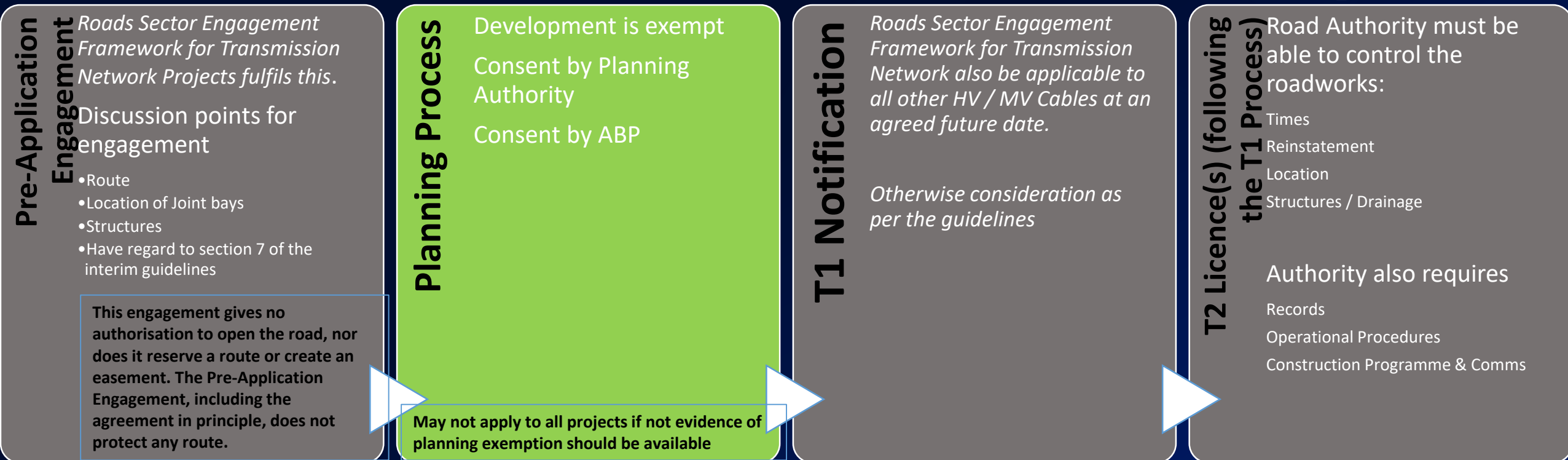




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When and How: Recommended Sequence



The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board

5. The horizontal and vertical alignment of the proposed electricity infrastructure shall be agreed and co-ordinated with statutory undertakers/landowners to avoid conflicts prior to commencement of development. The final route of the proposed cable shall be notified to the planning authorities for written agreement prior to commencement of any construction works on site.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

6. Drainage arrangements, including the attenuation and disposal of surface water, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authorities for works in respect of both the construction and operation phases of the proposed development.

Reason: In the interests of environmental protection and public health.

7. The undertaker shall comply with the transportation requirements of the planning authorities and other relevant bodies for such works and service appropriate. Such requirements shall require provision of a detailed Traffic Management Plan and shall include the following details:

- Consultation with Transport Infrastructure Ireland and all private and public companies and road authorities.
- Details of haulage routes, control measures for abnormally sized vehicles and an Abnormal Load Assessment.
- Detailed arrangements for construction damage to be made good by the undertaker to the satisfaction of the planning authorities.
- Detailed arrangements for temporary traffic management/controls, protocols to keep residents informed.

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mission generally in accordance with the Inspector's

CORK COUNTY COUNCIL

ORDER NO: WCP/16/272 O.S. NO. CK 82

SUBJECT: Application Reg. Ref. No. 16/00256

for: Ten year permission to construct an underground electricity cable. The proposed underground electricity cable will be 38kV, will run predominantly within the public road corridor and is intended to connect the proposed Shelly More Wind Farm (PI Ref. 13/551, An Bord Pleanála PL04.243486) to the National Grid via either the permitted substation at Garrahanreagh (PI Ref. 11/6605, An Bord Pleanála PL04.219620) or the currently proposed substation at Barnadivane (Kneevies) (PI Ref. 14/557, An Bord Pleanála PL04.244439). At time of lodging this application the proposed Shelly More Wind Farm and proposed substation at Barnadivane (Kneevies) remain under appeal with An Bord Pleanála.

at: Cloghboola, Cornery, Garryantomora, Tooreenaleur, Gortnacarriga, Gortaknockane, Cooragreenane, Coolroe West, Carrigacurra, Drommagapple, Teeranasig, Clomoyile, Lisnacuddy, Reanacabragh, Barnadivane, Barnadivane (Kneevies), Garrahanreagh

ORDER: Conditional Permission is hereby GRANTED subject to the provision of Subsection 11 of Section 34 of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 - 2010 for the reason set out in the First Schedule attached hereto.

to: Shelly More Windfarm Ltd

of: c/o McCarthy Keville O'Sullivan Planning & Environmental Consultants Block 1 GFSC Monkenageisha Road Galway

The Permission is to be granted subject to the conditions provided no appeal is made to An Bord Pleanála within the statutory time for the making of such appeals.

Clodagh Henahan

SIGNED:

Clodagh Henahan
Divisional Manager

Dated this 22/06/2016

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Donegal County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: S5 22/45

WHEREAS a question has arisen as to whether the construction of an agricultural shed consistent with the description, conditions and limitations set out in Class 6 of Part 3 to Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) on lands in the townland of Ardara, County Donegal for the housing of cattle is or is not development or is or is not exempted development.

AND WHEREAS Declan Gallagher care of Joe Bonner Town Planning Consultant of The Airport Hub, Unit 1 Furry Park, Old Swords Road, Santry, Dublin, requested a declaration on this question from Donegal County Council, and the Council issued a declaration on the 19th day of December 2022 stating that the matter is development and is not exempted development.

AND WHEREAS Declan Gallagher care of Joe Bonner Town Planning Consultant of The Airport Hub, Unit 1 Furry Park, Old Swords Road, Santry, Dublin referred this declaration for review to An Bord Pleanála, on the 14th day of February 2023.

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NOW THEREFORE An Bord Pleanála, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 5(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, hereby declares that the agricultural shed for the housing of cattle at Ardara, County Donegal is development and is exempted development.

Liam Burgin
Member of An Bord Pleanála
duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.

Dated this 21st day of March 2024.

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Planning Status?

Persons placing MV/HV cables in the Public Road must also have one the following:

- Consent of ABP
- Consent of the Planning Authority
- Demonstration of Exemption from planning consent

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Process- Planning Consent

- Certain HV cabling and associated infrastructure in the public road are required to obtain consent through the planning process. **It is essential that the Road Authority makes its submission to the Planning Authority or An Bord Pleanála (ABP) as appropriate during this process.**
- The Road Authority's submission should:
 - A. *Be consistent with the conditions of any agreement in principle reached at Pre-Application Engagement for T1 Notification*
 - B. *Have regard to minimum requirements for a T1 (and Child T2s) contained in the interim guidelines*
 - C. *Require adherence to the processes set out in the Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads, published by the Department of Transport and administered by the Road Authority and the Road Management Office.*

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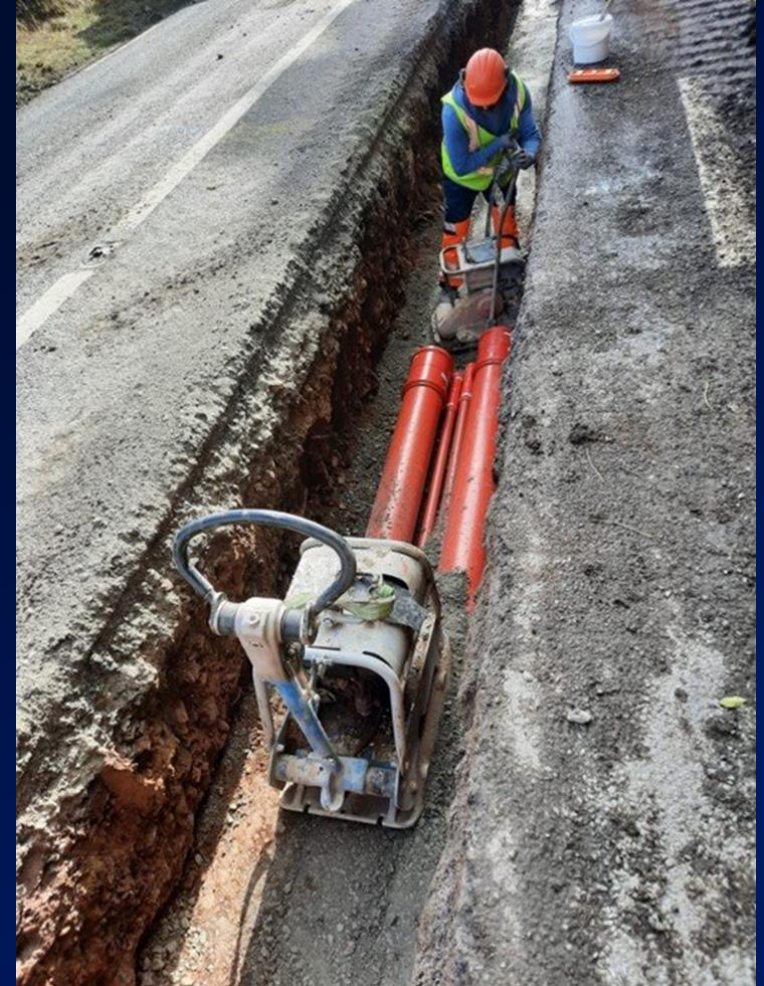
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Analysis Minimum Standards

The depth of cover to the Transmission HV cable duct(s) should be no less than 950mm to top of transmission cable (comms cables as existing standards) unless agreed otherwise in specific circumstances.

The horizontal alignment of the HV cable must be agreed with the Road Authority at the earliest possible opportunity.

Ground conditions along the route of the cable to be comprehensively assessed through detailed site investigations. This should occur pre-license application and may be the subject of a separate license application.



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Where joint bays are proposed to be constructed in carriageways it shall be demonstrated that no off-carriageway alternative is practical.

Link boxes and C2 chambers should be installed off the carriageway.

- Depth of cover should be no less than 600mm unless agreed otherwise.
- Technical Acceptance shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements of DN-STR-03001, contact must be made with the TII Structures Section in the early phases of the project.



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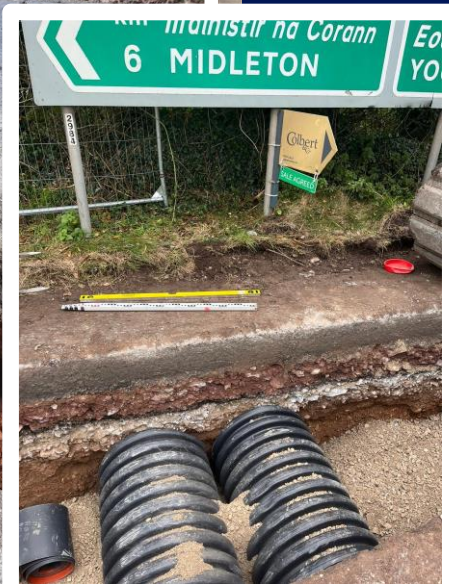
- Technical Acceptance of joint bay structures beneath regional and/or local roads in accordance with DOT Circular RW 10/2021.
- Joint Bays within the carriageway shall conform to standards required by the Roads Authorities
- shall have a concrete lid unless exceptional circumstances and agreed otherwise.
- Responsibility for the maintenance of Link Box / chamber lids remains with the Asset Owner or their successors.



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- High/medium voltage transmission underground cables should not be sited on or attached to existing roads structures
- When uncharted services or drainage infrastructure including culverts are discovered or damaged, the Road Authority must be consulted, and agreement reached in advance of proceeding.
- Cable location and alignment should be designed/installed/constructed in such a manner to not obstruct or interfere with road drainage systems and road existing drainage pathways.
- Consideration to be given to future necessary expansion for climate adaptation where envisaged as necessary by the Road Authority.



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Reinstatement

- Backfilling and reinstatement of excavations to be in accordance with the DOT's Guidelines or, CC-PAV-04007 as appropriate.
- Additional ground improvement measures may be required, derived from the site investigations carried out.
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- Where a regional or local road width is 6m or less, a full width of pavement reinstatement is required. This may include reconstruction of the binder, base and subbase on roads significantly impacted. In addition, certain roads may require additional strengthening in the form of geotextiles.

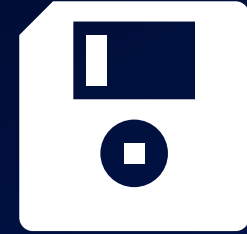


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Records & Safety File

The licence holder shall provide as built details of all electrical infrastructure constructed in a format agreed with the Road Authority. Consideration should be given to ISO 19650 The License Holder shall provide a copy of the Safety File for the project.



Management procedures

Prior to license issuing, the license holder shall agree procedures for the construction, operation and maintenance of the electrical infrastructure including emergency procedures (including contacts) during the operational lifetime of the asset.



Restrictions

Prior to issuing of a license the applicant shall declare and agree with the Road's Authority any restrictions of future construction work in the vicinity of the electrical infrastructure.



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Existing Services

- Cable location and alignment to be designed in such a manner to not obstruct or interfere with existing utilities, without prior agreement from the existing utility owners.

The Applicant shall consult with each utility

Exceptional Abnormal Load Requirements

- A detailed submission of loads and proposed routes to be used for transportation of abnormal loads along with details of the load is to be submitted to Road Authority for agreement in advance of planning consent or granting of a license.

Construction Programme

- A draft construction programme should be submitted for the approval of the Road Authority.



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Traffic Management

- The number of Traffic Management setups and programme to be pre-approved by the Road Authority and taking due consideration of traffic volumes, and to minimise the number and sequencing of Traffic Management set-ups along the host road. This should include a detailed traffic study of all roads and junctions including diversion routes impacted by the proposed works.

Communications

- The Applicant shall have regard to the construction of any other infrastructure and coordinate with that person the timing of their works and the future maintenance of their infrastructure.

Ownership

- The applicant shall provide the Road Authority with contact details of the owner of the infrastructure annually throughout its life or when any changes in ownership occur.

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Future infrastructure development

- The applicant shall not install infrastructure (including structures, cables, or wires) along an existing Public Road where it is known that this Public Road is to be abandoned.
- The provision of infrastructure (including structures, cables, or wires) along the alignment of a future Public Road shall be coordinated with the construction of that road.

Security

- The applicant shall provide the Road Authority with a cash security to ensure the satisfactory reinstatement of the public road.

Certification, coordination and Inspection

- The applicant shall agree arrangements with the Road Authority for certification and inspection of the works that may include direct inspection / coordination by the Road Authority. The Road Authority may include specific charges for same.

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Next Steps

- Implement HV Forum's recommendation for Central Supports
 - Funding
 - Joint Electricity / Transport Group
 - LA support unit
 - Project Specific teams
- Obtain Feedback on Interim Guidance
- Develop enduring standards and processes to update interim guidance

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