



Roscommon County Development Plan 2021-2027

Submission on the Draft Roscommon County Development Plan 2021-2027

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What is the topic of the submission?

Climate Action, Energy and Environment

Submission

See attached.

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Re: Draft Roscommon County Development Plan 2021-2027

Dear Sir/Madam,

EirGrid plc welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the *Draft Roscommon County Development Plan 2021-2027* and requests that this submission is taken into consideration in the development of the plan.

The electricity transmission grid's importance in supporting our society and economy cannot be understated. EirGrid notes and welcomes reference and emphasis placed on electricity transmission in the Draft Development Plan, particularly Chapter 8.5 which details *Integrating Climate Action into County Roscommon*. This emphasis is imperative to meeting national targets for renewable electricity generation, climate change and also ensuring security of energy supplies into the future.

In particular EirGrid notes Objective CAEE 8.9. EirGrid looks forward to working in collaboration with Roscommon to facilitate a modern electricity network for the county. EirGrid carefully plans its routes and sites for new transmission grid infrastructure based on a carefully considered balance of technical, economic, socio-economic, environmental and deliverability considerations, as well as feedback received from consultation and engagement. Our consistent approach to project planning ensures that all feasible options can be explored and any required mitigation measures built into the best performing project option as required. The objective as currently set out will assist us undertaking the comprehensive studies required.

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EirGrid would ask the council, in their review of the draft, to give an additional supporting objective specifically to the 'North Connacht Project' which is a strategic transmission development for the north-west and west region, linking Tonroe Station (Ballaghaderreen) to Moy Station (Ballina). The project is given support in the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy under RPO 8.2, a similar objective could be transposed into the county plan to ensure consistency between both. EirGrid welcomes the strategic aims set out in the *Renewable Energy Strategy* and reference to the project therein, however, would still seek a robust objective within the draft plan itself.

EirGrid is available to collaborate with the planning authority and to provide expert and focused input into the preparation of the Draft Development Plan, particularly from a strategic energy policy perspective. Should you have any comments in regard of this submission please contact the undersigned. EirGrid once more welcomes the opportunity to participate in the making of the plan and looks forward to further engagement.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tomás Bradley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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