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Re: Material Amendments to Draft Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

EirGrid welcomes amendments to bolster policy in relation to the offshore renewable energy including any associated grid connection enhancements, set out in Proposed Amendment Chapter 6.6 – 6.9. This policy is critical if Ireland is to achieve commitments set out in the *Climate Action Plan* 2019, published on June 17th 2019 by the Department of Communications.

To ensure Ireland's sustainable development and growth, EirGrid requires appropriate and robust policies and objectives for planning the national grid infrastructure and prioritising it appropriately in order to deliver national, regional and local benefit.

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.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tomás Bradley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

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