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Re: Draft Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028

Dear Sir/Madam,

EirGrid plc welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the Draft Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028 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 9 which details *Energy*. 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 relation to the specific Objective 9.13, EirGrid understands the principle underlying it and will always examine the feasibility for undergrounding. However, it is not always possible for high voltage transmission infrastructure to be located underground, even in urban areas, for a variety of reasons. A flexible approach in developing essential transmission grid infrastructure is required to support wider environmental, social and economic development.

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EirGrid carefully plans its routes and sites for new transmission grid infrastructure. The final route for any line is a carefully considered balance of technical, economic, planning, environmental considerations. Where it is not possible to use underground technology or avoid natural features of the environment and areas of significant population EirGrid will always explain this as part of its substantive reasons for the route design.

EirGrid is available to collaborate with the planning authority and to provide expert and focused input into 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, sweeping tail.

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