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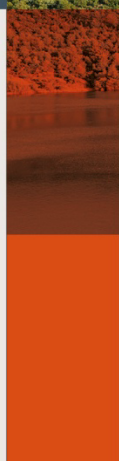
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1.0 Introduction

This Concept for Public Participation (CPP) plan is submitted in accordance with Article 9(3) of the Trans-European Networks for Energy (TEN-E) Regulation 2022/869/EU and Section 3 of the An Bord Pleanála Manual of Procedures for Project of Common Interest (PCI) published in July 2023, which requires PCI project promoters to prepare a public participation strategy within an indicative three months of the start of the permit granting process.

The permit granting process for the project started on 27th February 2025 (Appendix A).

An Coimisiún Pleanála (formally An Bord Pleanála) in its designated role as Competent Authority for Projects of Common Interest has decided under article 9.3 of Regulation (EU) No. 2022/869 on the 7th of August 2025 and recommend modifications to the CPP, which were incorporated into this document.

This CPP outlines how Siga-Hydro Limited (Siga-Hydro) will ensure transparent, early and ongoing stakeholder engagement for the Silvermines Hydro project.

The Silvermines Hydroelectric Power Station Project (Silvermines Hydro) is transforming a former mining site into a cutting-edge clean energy facility to produce pumped storage hydropower (PSH). PSH is a form of hydroelectric energy storage where two water reservoirs at different elevations generate power as water moves down from one to the other, passing through one or more turbines.

Silvermines Hydro supports the EU and Ireland by promoting energy diversity and improving security of energy supply. It facilitates the safe, efficient, and secure integration of renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind, into existing energy systems, providing significant benefits at National, Regional, and Local levels.

Tipperary, ca. 10 km south of Nenagh town, and ca. 0.6 km west of Silvermines village (map Coordinates 52.79334° N, 8.26035° W).

Figure 1 presents the project in terms of its location on a European and National level.

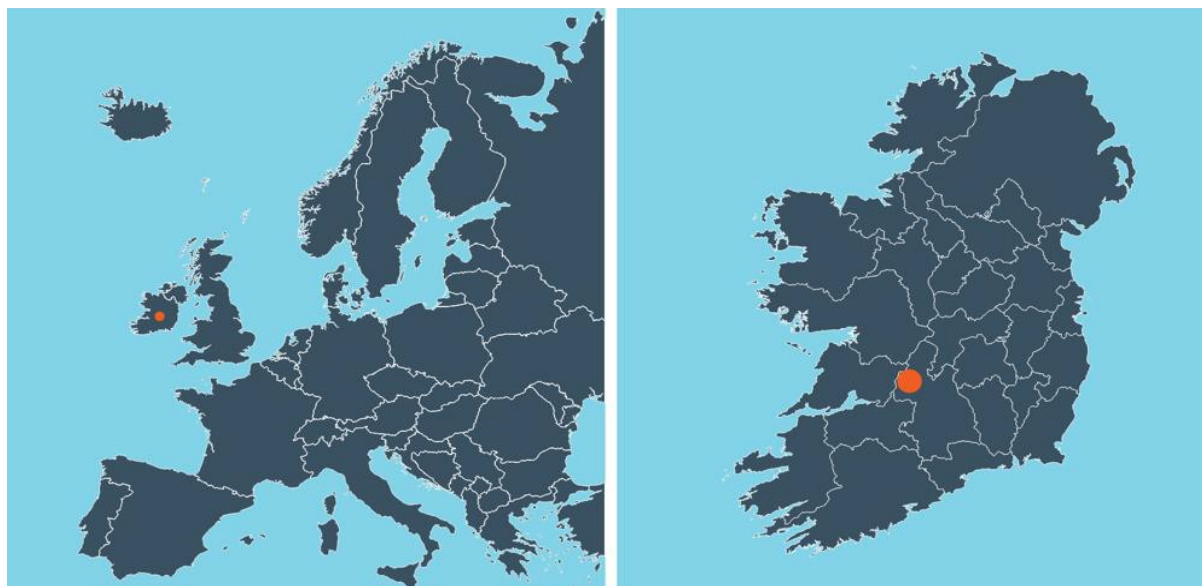


Figure 1 Location Silvermines Hydro

1.1 Silvermines Hydro is a Project of Common Interest (PCI)

Silvermines Hydro is considered important within the European energy market and will help the European Union achieve its energy and climate targets.

The European Union has designated Silvermines Hydro as a Project of Common Interest (PCI), reference no. 1.13. A PCI is a key infrastructure project that supports the operations of energy systems of European Union countries. Because of this strategic importance, and as a PCI, the project is subject to a streamlined permitting process under the revised EU TEN-E Regulation 2022/869.

As a PCI, Silvermines Hydro has access to financial support from the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) to develop Europe's networks and deliver the European Green Deal. The European Green Deal is a set of EU policy initiatives aimed at making the EU climate-neutral by 2050.

The EU's Connecting Europe Facility awarded Silvermines Hydro €4.3 million in 2023 to co-fund important environmental and design studies for the permitting of the project.

2.0 Project Overview

2.1 About Siga-Hydro Limited

Silvermines Hydro is being developed and managed by Siga-Hydro Limited, an Irish asset development company based in Nenagh, County Tipperary. The project is a joint venture, with Siga-Hydro Ltd. being majority-owned by SIERA Capital Partners and Foresight Group.

SIERA Capital Partners is an Irish energy infrastructure developer and investor, skilled in originating, structuring, and delivering large-scale, complex projects. The company offers strategic, technical, financial, and human capital to support project development and execution.

In 2023, SIERA partnered with Foresight Group, a global infrastructure investor focused on clean energy generation, including hydro power. Together, the partners bring extensive expertise in developing, designing, constructing, and operating innovative and safe energy technologies and infrastructure projects.

2.2 About The Project

The volatility and uncertainty surrounding energy prices has highlighted Ireland's heavy reliance on imported fuels, raising concerns about energy security across the European Union, particularly for Ireland's isolated island power system. Limited grid interconnection and fuel supply risks make these systems especially vulnerable. Strengthening energy resilience requires investment in renewable energy, energy storage, and enhanced grid infrastructure within Ireland.

Reducing this dependence is possible by generating electricity from renewable sources within the country. However, wind and solar power are inherently variable, sometimes producing excess electricity that goes unused and, at other times, failing to generate enough to meet demand. Effective energy storage, grid management, and the development of new interconnections, pumped storage, and upgraded transmission capacities are essential to ensure a stable, reliable power supply.

Silvermines Hydro can address these challenges by capturing excess energy and releasing it when generation is low or demand is high, enhancing the security of the power system to prevent interruptions and ensure a stable supply within the country. This technology ensures a greater share of domestically generated electricity for consumers, reducing reliance on fossil fuel power stations. Pumped storage is widely recognised as a clean, safe, and reliable method for electricity storage and generation.

The project is highly beneficial to a power system as it can respond quickly and almost immediately to help balance the variability of renewable energy generation, mitigate unplanned interruptions, and avoid supply disruptions. The technology works by using two water reservoirs at different heights. The existing mine pit lake will be used as the lower reservoir, and a new reservoir will be built higher up the mountain to serve as the upper reservoir. Water will be pumped from the lower reservoir to the upper reservoir when there is excess electricity. When electricity is needed, the water will flow back down through turbines to generate power.

Figure 2 presents a schematic illustration of the Silvermines Hydro project.

This technology is trusted around the world for its effectiveness in balancing supply and demand, making it a key component in many national electricity transmission systems.

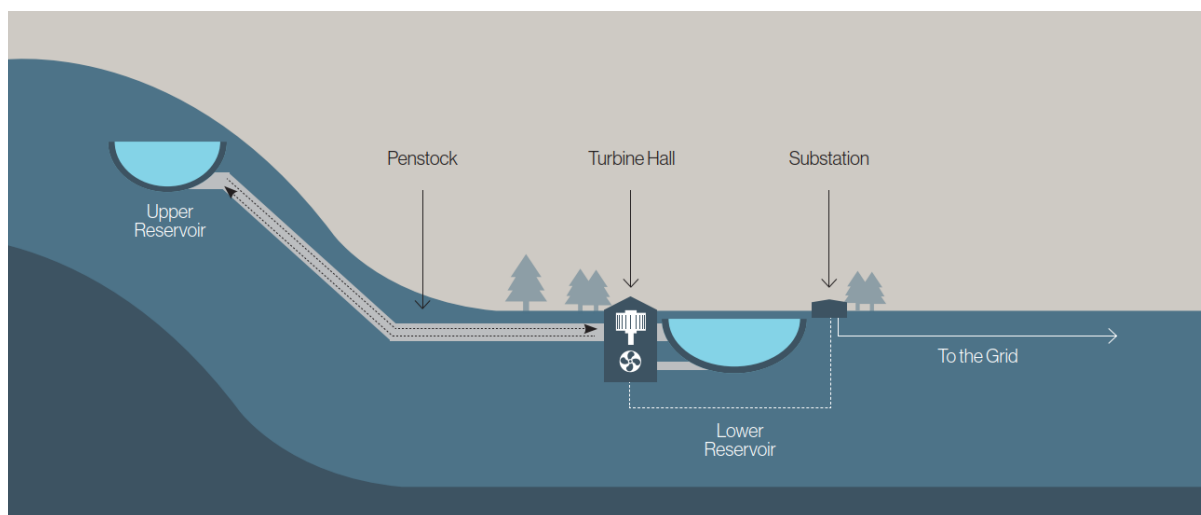


Figure 2 Schematic illustration of Silvermines Hydro

2.3 Project Description

Silvermines Hydro will be capable of storing over 2000 Megawatt-hours of energy with a generating capacity of 296 Megawatts. This is enough to power about 185,000 households or 21,000 small businesses in Ireland every day.

In addition, Silvermines Hydro will offer a comprehensive suite of grid stabilisation services designed to enhance the reliability and resilience of the power system. By efficiently integrating renewable energy sources, Silvermines Hydro will help address fluctuations in supply and demand, ensuring a steady and balanced electricity flow. This will not only reduce overall system costs but also provide critical backup power, enhancing grid security and reducing outage risks.

In addition to the two reservoirs the following infrastructure will be provided:

- **Powerhouse and administration building** – the powerhouse will house all the mechanical and electrical equipment for the turbines to generate electricity and will connect to an adjacent substation. The powerhouse will be set low in the landscape alongside the lower reservoir. The administration building will include a control room, administration and welfare facilities, mechanical and electrical stores, and workshops for maintenance.
- **Substations** – one on-site and one off-site will connect the project to the National Grid.
- **Passive water treatment facility** – surface water run-off will be managed through a wetland facility during construction and operation before entering the local drainage network.
- **Visitor centre** – this will be developed on the site and will create a destination for visitors to learn about the project and the heritage of the former mining site and the local area; and
- **Security office** - a small facility to manage access and security at the site.

2.3.1 Project Considerations

Siga-Hydro is committed to protecting the environment and surrounding communities. Experts from a range of technical disciplines are providing specialist advice and carrying out environmental surveys and assessments, and engineering design to ensure the feasibility of the project.

The project will be the subject of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) that consider the potential environmental impacts and identify suitable mitigation measures to avoid, reduce or compensate against such potential impacts. As part of the environmental assessments, a comprehensive evaluation of alternatives is being conducted to ensure the most sustainable and efficient implementation of the project.

More information about the Environmental Impact Assessment process can be found on the project website www.silvermineshydro.ie and from the Citizen's Information website: <https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/environment/climate-change/environmental-impact-assessment/>.

Key project considerations include the following:

- **Reservoir excavation and reprofiling** – The upper reservoir will be constructed first to allow water to be pumped to it from the lower reservoir, reducing the need to discharge large volumes of water into the local surface water drainage network.

The upper reservoir will be excavated from the upper slopes of the Silvermines Mountain, and an embankment constructed. The lower reservoir (the existing mine pit lake) will be re-profiled to increase its capacity.

The rock from the lower reservoir will be extracted by blasting and used in the construction and landscaping at the wider site. Noise and vibration limits will be complied with, and local residences and farms will be given advance notice as required by the Competent Authority.

- **Water and drainage** – A water management plan is being prepared which will incorporate the existing surface drainage network. This will include a passive water treatment facility (wetland) to manage surface water run-off during construction and operation, thereby reducing sediment entering the water network, particularly during heavy rainfall.

Re-routing of parts of streams on the upper slopes of Silvermines Mountain will be required for the construction of the upper reservoir.

Historical and recent surface water, groundwater and geochemical information is informing an initial water balance for the main project site, which in turn has allowed predictive water flow and geochemical models to be constructed. Pipes (penstock) will be installed between the two reservoirs to transport the water between them and the powerhouse where the turbines will be located. The pipes will be buried below ground to minimise visual impact on the landscape, and there will be access portals for maintenance purposes. The number of pump-turbines will depend on the final design optimisation.

- **Grid connection** – The facility will require a connection to the National Grid. To do this, two substations will be constructed – the Silvermines substation (on-site next to the lower reservoir) and an off-site substation (close to the existing overhead 220 kV power line) which will be connected via underground cables. Work is continuing to ensure that the final location of the off-site substation and cables do not conflict with existing services. This activity is being carried out in consultation with EirGrid and Tipperary County Council.
- **Landscaping** – Siga-Hydro is mindful that the creation of the upper reservoir and ancillary infrastructure will result in a physical change to the landscape and how it is experienced. During the construction of the facility the upper reservoir will require excavation of material that will be repurposed as engineering fill and landscaping material. The visual impact on the landscape will be minimised by carefully constructing the upper reservoir into the hillside, incorporating suitable planting into the reservoir embankment, and installing the pipework connecting the two reservoirs

below ground. Landscaping work will also provide for new amenity viewing points and potential access links to the Silvermines Ridge and Knockanroe Woods Loop hill walking routes.

- **Habitats and ecology** – As the upper part of the site sits within a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and a Special Protection Area (SPA), extensive surveys are being carried out to ensure that the scheme provides significant enhancement and compensation measures to maintain and improve habitats in the area.
- **Material Management** – All excavated materials generated on-site will be re-used in construction and landscaping.
- **Transportation and access** – A Transport Assessment is being undertaken to understand the impact of the project on the local road network during construction and operation. To reduce the impact and manage project traffic, Siga-Hydro is also preparing a Construction Traffic Management Plan.

2.4 Benefits of Silvermines Hydro

Under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021, Ireland has committed to reducing CO₂ emissions and transitioning the country to becoming a climate neutral economy in accordance with Climate Action Plans 2019 - 2025. More widely, Europe has a vision of becoming the first climate-neutral continent by 2050.

The Irish government is committed to ensuring that major infrastructure PCI Projects, including Silvermines Hydro are implemented. The Climate Action Plan (CAP) 2024 states:

“To ensure priority EU electricity infrastructure Projects, Projects of Common Interest (PCI) will continue to receive prioritisation as provided by the EU TEN-E Regulation, addressing any administrative, market, or regulatory obstacles obstructing the implementation of PCIs to ensure their scheduled execution”.

This project strengthens Ireland’s energy security and diversity by integrating renewable energy, reducing dependence on costly imports, and ensuring a stable and reliable power supply.

The project will:

- Help the reliability of power by storing renewable energy to ensure a steady supply of electricity for about 185,000 households or 21,000 small businesses in Ireland on a daily basis.
- Provide a full suite of grid stabilisation services to EirGrid, the Transmission System Operator.
- Help the environment by using more renewable energy and cutting CO₂ emissions and pollution.
- Improve Ireland’s security of supply and reduce reliance on expensive imported fuels.
- Create jobs, boost the local economy and improve community amenities. It is anticipated that 400 jobs will be created during the construction phase of the project.
- Enhance recreational walking routes with viewing points for the local community and visitors.
- Provide education and training development opportunities to upskill the local workforce and support careers in renewable energy.

2.4.1 Community Benefit

The project will provide significant benefits to the community in two key ways. Firstly, it will drive economic growth through job creation, local business engagement, and supply-chain integration during construction and operation; thereby boosting the regional economy and fostering long-term employment. Secondly, a Community Benefit Fund will directly invest in local initiatives, supporting projects that enhance community development, infrastructure, education, and environmental sustainability.

The introduction of a phased Community Benefit Fund to support local projects and the wider community will be available from the start of construction and fully accessible once the project is operational. As part of the public participation phase of the project, Siga-Hydro will engage with and listen to the community to develop the basis of the fund in support of local initiatives. Together, these efforts will ensure lasting positive impacts for the locality.

The Community Benefit Fund is separate from the permit granting process (it is not part of this consultation process) and will be set up after planning approval, ensuring open and transparent project selection and operation. If you would like to find out more about the fund, please go to the following web address: www.silvermineshydro.ie.

2.5 National Development Plan

The project aligns with European, National, and Local renewable energy plans and policies, supporting key objectives in:

- ENTSO-E Ten Year Network Development Plan European Projects (2018 - 2024).
- EirGrid Transmission Development Plan (2018 - 2027).
- Irish Government Climate Action Plan (2025).
- Irish Government Climate Action Plan (2024).
- Irish Government Electricity Storage Policy Framework (2024).
- Tipperary County Development Plan (2022 - 2028). Supports the proposed Silvermines Hydroelectric Power Station, subject to planning and environmental compliance.
- Tipperary Renewable Energy Strategy (2022 - 2028). Backs energy storage developments of national importance, including site assessments for strategic locations like the former mining site in Silvermines.
- Mid-West Regional Planning Guidelines.
- Ireland's Integrated National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP) 2021 - 2030 (updated July 2024).

2.6 PCI Process

The PCI designation under the TEN-E Regulation brings several distinct requirements for Silvermines Hydro. These include:

- Production of a project information leaflet/brochure informing citizens of the project specifics and benefits.
- Publication and curation of a project website www.silvermineshydro.ie.

- Preparation and implementation of this Concept for Public Participation (CPP) alongside the undertaking of at least one public consultation prior to the final application.

These measures are mandated by Article 9 of the TEN-E Regulation to ensure transparency and public involvement in PCI projects.

2.6.1 Project Information Leaflet/Brochure

Siga-Hydro has produced a project information leaflet/brochure, available in English and Irish, which informs citizens of the project's specifics and benefits in a clear and concise manner, including:

- The purpose of the project.
- A schedule of studies, procedures and works informing the project.
- Reference to assessments of alternatives, options and trans-boundary effects.

The information leaflet/brochure also contains and states, in the form of reference to the appropriate websites:

- The environmental assessment process.
- The measures making it possible to avoid, reduce and offset environmental impacts.
- The list of web addresses of the European Commission's transparency platform; and
- The public consultation arrangements.

The project information leaflet/brochure (cover presented below in figure 3) is available for download on the project website.



Figure 3 Project Information Leaflet / Brochure

2.6.2 Project Website

During the information and public participation phase in accordance with the TEN-E Regulation, Siga-Hydro have made information available in both English and Irish relating to the proposed development on the project website www.silvermineshydro.ie.

The following information and features are available:

- A presentation of the project, its objectives, its schedule, its status as a PCI within the meaning of European Union law.
- A link to the European Commission's transparency platform.
- A link to the list of Projects of Common Interest.
- Dedicated e-mail address to contact the Siga-Hydro team at community@silvermineshydro.ie.
- The PCI information leaflet/brochure on the project.
- The timeline of the project and updates on the public consultations.
- The contact details for obtaining all the documents relating to the application.
- The contact details to be used to send observations and objections during the public consultations.

The website is updated regularly (at least monthly) with the last updated date displayed. It contains the latest project information, including the PCI leaflet/brochure, a non-technical project summary, timeline of project stages and public consultations, a record of EU funding received, and contact details for information or to submit comments, in line with the requirements of Annex VI (6) of the TEN-E Regulation.

The website provides a direct link to the ABP PCI Manual or please visit www.pleanala.ie.

2.7 The National Consenting Process

There are various consents required to realise Silvermines Hydro.

A key distinction between a project which goes through the PCI process and a project which does not, is that a "draft application file" must be submitted to the PCI unit of An Bord Pleanála at its offices in Dublin before it is formally submitted to the competent authorities. This draft application file will include the following draft applications:

- Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) application for the grid connection (to the SID unit of An Bord Pleanála);
- Planning application for the Hydroelectric Power Station to Tipperary County Council¹ and
- Authorisations to construct and to generate to the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU).

The PCI unit will forward the draft applications to the consenting authorities for comprehensive review. Once they are deemed satisfactory, the PCI unit will confirm the finalisation of the application file, after which the applications will be submitted to the relevant authorities and they will follow the standard application processes, including allowances for public participation during consideration of planning.

The CRU applications can be submitted once the planning permissions have been granted.

¹ The consenting process is subject any changes to the Planning and Development Act 2024 and to any Statutory Instruments or related regulations made under it.

For more information about the PCI process, please visit - <https://www.pleanala.ie/en-IE/Projects-of-Common-Interest/PCI-Manual>.

3.0 Project Timeline

Several actions must be completed in the pre-planning stage before submitting a planning application. These include (but are not limited to) geological and geotechnical studies, habitat surveys, hydrogeological investigations, environmental evaluations and engineering design as well as an active public participation programme to help shape the project before it enters the formal planning assessment process.

An overview of the key stages in the project's development is provided in Figure 3 below.

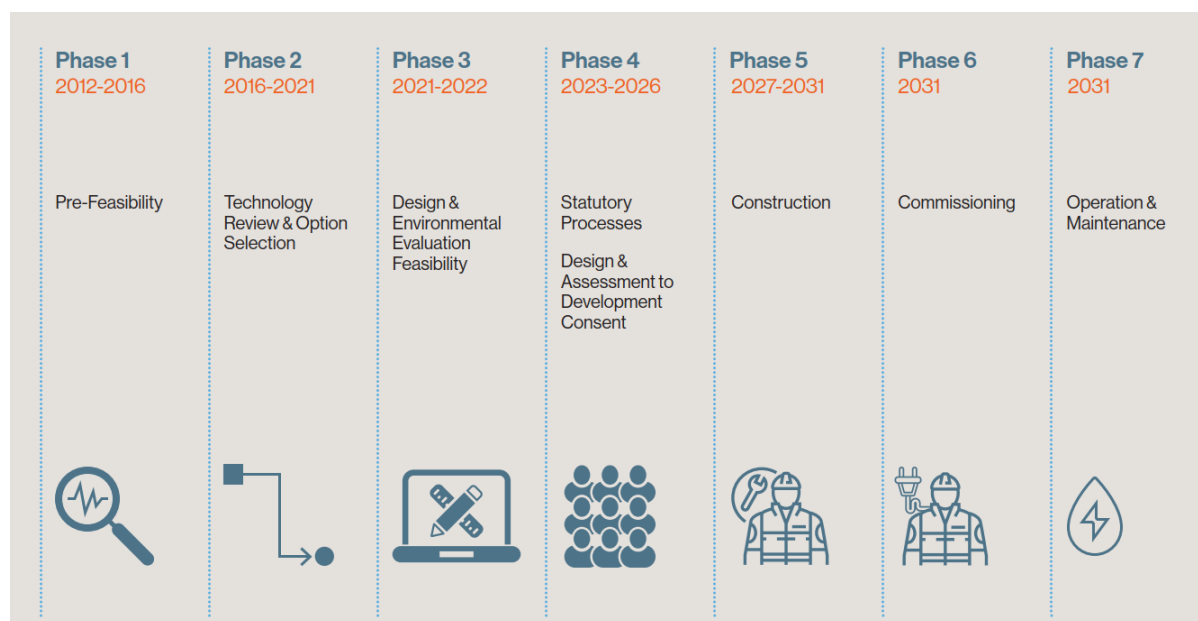


Figure 4 Key stages in the Project's development

Since its inception, Siga Hydro has proactively engaged in a programme of consultations with key stakeholders, recognising their critical role in shaping the project. Beginning in early 2024, structured engagement activities have been undertaken and will continue throughout the project lifecycle, ensuring that stakeholders remain actively consulted, informed, and involved in decision-making in line with the timeline presented in Figure 4 and 5.

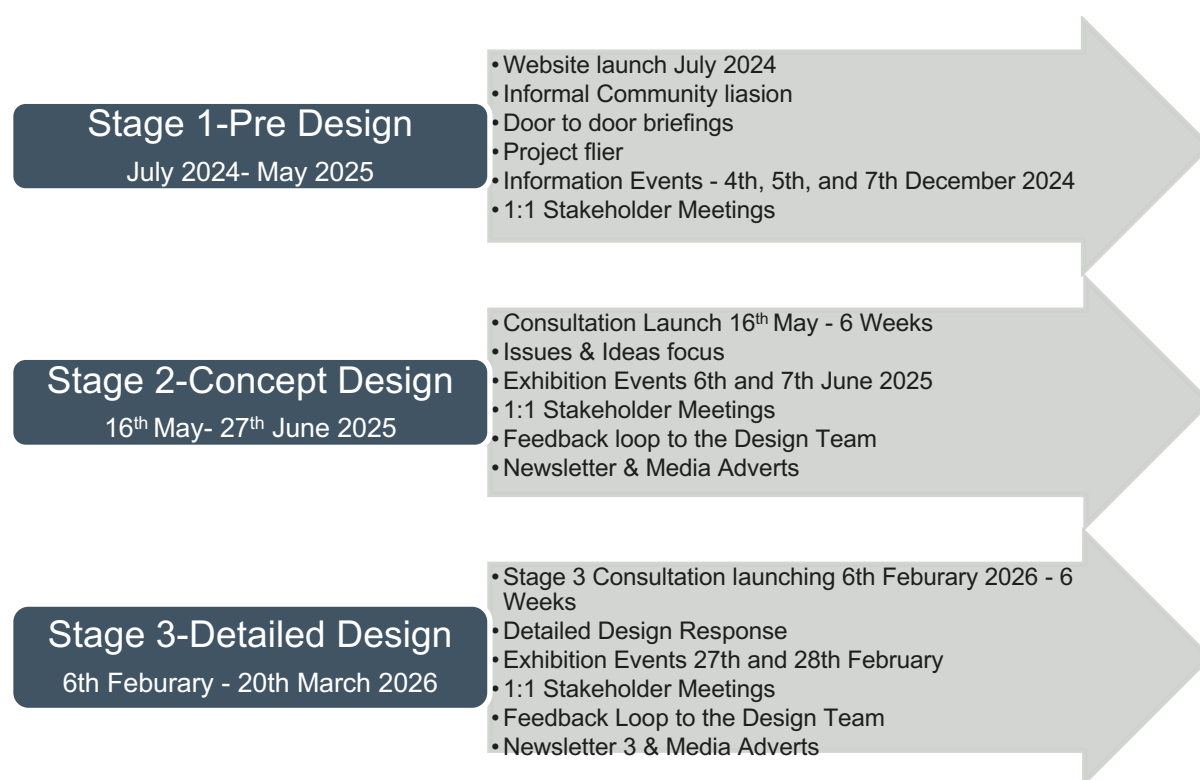


Figure 5 Stages for the Participation Programme.

Should any changes arise in the public participation programme timeline, Siga Hydro will provide advance notice to all relevant stakeholders to ensure transparency and continuity of engagement. Such changes may occur, for example, where project design is updated in response to stakeholder feedback. In these circumstances, additional public events may be organised and advertised, or existing events may be rescheduled, to allow sufficient time and opportunity for meaningful public participation.

In addition, changes in the regulatory granting process under the Planning and Development Act 2024, together with any related Statutory Instruments and regulations, may also necessitate adjustments to the engagement programme. These requirements may give rise to further public events or alternative forms of consultation, all of which will be accommodated to maintain a fair and inclusive process.

Stakeholders with registered email addresses will receive direct updates by email, while information will also be published on the project website and distributed through the project's official social media channels to maximise accessibility. To further ensure inclusivity, public notices will be placed in local newspapers, broadcast through local media outlets, and displayed on posters at key community locations such as libraries, community centres, and noticeboards.

These measures are intended to make information readily available, foster inclusiveness, and uphold best practice in community engagement. Additional details on the communication process, including timelines and responsibilities, are outlined in the following sections of this document.

4.0 Regulations

4.1 Regulation 2022/869/EU TEN-E Guidelines (Public Participation Requirements)

Regulation 2022/869/EU, which repealed Regulation 347/2013/EU, forms the legal foundation for the Projects of Common Interest (PCI) process. This regulation, introduced in 2022, establishes the requirements for public participation within the context of the PCI framework, replacing the earlier 347/2013/EU regulation.

The PCI permit granting process establishes the role of a National Competent Authority (CA) for PCIs in each Member State to coordinate and schedule the permit granting process and put in place a 'one-stop-shop' to streamline the permit granting process.

An Bord Pleanála is the designated CA in Ireland and is responsible for facilitating and co-ordinating the permit granting process for PCIs acting in a collaborative role with the various permitting authorities to ensure a high degree of comprehensiveness in the way the necessary permissions and consents are granted.

An Bord Pleanála is also responsible for monitoring the individual time limits within which the various permit granting processes must be concluded. The PCI permit granting process should take place within an indicative period of forty-two months (three and a half years) and is broken down into two separate phases.

The first phase is the pre-application procedure where the project is refined, and any potential impacts associated with the proposed development are assessed to help to identify the most suitable options for each element of the project. The preparation of environmental reports and public participation and consultation at an early stage are key components of the pre-application procedure and should take place within an indicative period of two years.

The second phase of the process is that of the statutory permit granting procedure, which shall not exceed eighteen months. This phase commences once the draft application file is accepted by the CA, and missing information has been identified and provided to finalise the application file.

The TEN-E Regulation does allow for an extension of time, for one or both procedures, subject to consideration by the CA. However, any extension shall not extend the combined duration of the procedures for more than 9 months other than in exceptional circumstances. The project is currently in the pre-application procedure, and it is anticipated that the project will be ready to enter the permit granting procedure in 2026 and that the comprehensive decision would be issued in 2027.

On 11th December 2024, Siga-Hydro notified An Bord Pleanála, in its role as the National Competent Authority, with a request to enter the pre-application granting procedure.

Once the notification was received by An Bord Pleanála, it contacted the relevant permit granting authorities for their assessment on whether the project was sufficiently mature to enter the pre-application procedure (first phase of the PCI permit granting process) and is likely to be sufficiently advanced to be able to submit an application for the permits or authorisations required for construction of the project within one to two years of the written notification.

An Bord Pleanála acknowledged the PCI Notification on 27th February 2025 and Silvermines Hydro entered the pre-application procedure and thereby commenced the permit granting process (Appendix A).

Article 1(2)(b) of the TEN-E Regulation refers to enhanced public participation under the new guidelines. Article 9 of the TEN-E Regulation (Appendix B) specifically deals with transparency and public participation in Project of Common Interest cases. Annex VI of the TEN-E

Regulation sets out the principles for public participation which the permit granting process established under the TEN-E Regulation must follow. Annex VI of the TEN-E Regulation is appended to this document in Appendix C.

Article 9(3) of the TEN-E Regulation states the following with reference to the Concept for Public Participation (CPP):

“The project promoter shall, within an indicative period of three months following the start of the permit granting process pursuant to Article 10(3), draw up and submit a concept for public participation to the national competent authority, following the process outlined in the manual referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and in line with the guidelines set out in Annex VI.”

Annex VI(4) of the TEN-E Regulation in relation to the CPP specifies that it shall include the following information as a minimum:

- The stakeholders concerned and addressed.
- The measures envisaged, including proposed general locations and dates of dedicated meetings.
- The timeline.
- The human resources allocated to various tasks.

Article 9(3) of the TEN-E Regulation details the CA’s process of review following receipt of the CPP and that they may consider any form of public participation and consultation that took place prior to the submission of the CPP:

“...The national competent authority shall request modifications or approve the concept for public participation within three months of receipt of the concept, taking into consideration any form of public participation and consultation that took place before the start of the permit granting process, to the extent that such public participation and consultation has fulfilled the requirements of this Article.”

This document is submitted to An Bord Pleanála as the National Competent Authority for PCI Projects in Ireland in fulfilment of the requirements of the TEN-E Regulation and those outlined in Section 3 of An Bord Pleanála’s project of Common Interest Manual for the Permit Granting Process.

Article 9(4) further requires that at least one public consultation be held before submission of the draft application, and Article 9(7) requires a dedicated project website for a PCI project. The following sections of this CPP report presents how Silvermines Hydro has fulfilled these obligations.

4.2 PCI Manual of Procedures for the Permit Granting Process

An Bord Pleanála, as PCI CA pursuant to Article 9(1) of the TEN-E Regulation, has published a Manual of Procedures for the Permit Granting Process (the Manual, revised July 2023) to assist project promoters, the public and relevant authorities and to provide transparency and assist with public participation in the PCI process.

In Section 3.1 of the Manual, the need for project promoters to interact with the public at the earliest possible opportunity is emphasised. This engagement process is underlined by the Aarhus Convention whose principles are embedded in the TEN-E Regulation. The Manual reiterates the requirements of Annex VI of the TEN-E Regulation with respect to the requirement for and the content of the CPP. The project promoter has an indicative period of three months from the start of the permit granting process (acceptance of PCI Notification) to submit a CPP to the CA which must thereafter either modify or approve the concept within three months of receipt.

The CA may seek the opinion of other relevant permitting authorities in connection with the CPP before responding to the project promoter.

In line with the ABP Manual, once the PCI unit has received approval on the CPP from the relevant Competent Authorities it will be published on the project website for public access. All personal data will be handled in compliance with GDPR, no private contact details of stakeholders will be disclosed without consent.

5.0 Public Participation

Article 1(2)(b) of the TEN-E Regulation specifically outlines the importance of public participation in the planning and implementation of energy infrastructure projects, ensuring that stakeholders and affected communities have a voice in the decision-making process.

Silvermines Hydro will provide clear environmental, social and economic benefits for the local community and beyond. Despite this, projects of such significance often and understandably face reservations or concerns from local communities and other stakeholders. It is vital therefore that early consultation and transparent communication are programmed into the project's development, ensuring the appropriate and timely dissemination of information and opportunities for meaningful participation in the decision-making process.

Throughout the project's development, the primary aim is to create a collaborative environment that values the voices and concerns of the public. This inclusive approach seeks to improve the overall quality and sustainability of the project.

Early stakeholder consultation has provided Siga-Hydro with insight into the factors that may encourage support for the project, as well as those that could present obstacles to its acceptance².

Table 1 presents key elements of what may influence stakeholders regarding the development of the project.

Table 1 Drivers of and Barriers to Public Acceptance

Drivers of Acceptance	Barriers to Acceptance
• Transparency and fairness of process • Involvement of residents in decision making • Siting of the infrastructure • Awareness of the environmental benefits • Positive impact on local economy • Involvement of local organisations • Use of a familiar technology • Energy supply security • Trust in investors and project promoters	• Lack of involvement of residents in decision making • Lack of transparent communication • Unfair distribution of costs and benefits • Impact on landscape • Noise, or other nuisances • Health and safety • Impact on air and water quality • Impact of construction traffic • Impact on personal comfort

5.1 Guiding Principles of Public Participation

Meaningful and purposeful public engagement is a process designed to build trust. It requires the process of dialogue, based upon a genuine exchange of views with the objective of influencing decisions or programmes of action. Siga-Hydro's well-considered engagement programme creates opportunities to inform, collaborate and invite contribution from the community.

Engagement is guided by key principles such as transparency and informed decision-making. To uphold these principles, the engagement programme involves a wide range of stakeholders and employs diverse methods of communication and participation. Through Siga-Hydro's ongoing and regular engagement, stakeholders are kept informed about how their input may influence decisions related to the project's development.

² *Innovative actions and strategies to boost public awareness, trust and acceptance of trans-European energy infrastructure Projects* July 2021. INTRASOFT International S.A., PLANET S.A., White Research, Valeu Consulting, Navigant and ENTSO-E

Siga-Hydro's principles of public involvement and engagement include:

- Principle 1: Transparent engagement.
- Principle 2: Early and inclusive engagement.
- Principle 3: Continuous engagement.
- Principle 4: Available and accessible information.

5.1.1 The Aarhus Convention

Throughout the public participation programme, Siga-Hydro is guided by the principles of The Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (The Aarhus Convention). This convention protects every person's human right to live in a healthy environment and provides an effective model for ensuring public input in defining and implementing green economy programmes.

The Convention is not only an environmental agreement; it is also about government accountability, transparency, and responsiveness. As such, it rests on three key pillars, outlined below.

5.1.1.1 Access to Information - the Right to Access Environmental Information that is held by Public Authorities

Effective public participation in decision-making depends on full, accurate, up-to-date information. The public may seek information from public authorities who have an obligation to provide information requested. The public also has the right to receive information, and the onus is on the project leaders and public authorities to collect and disseminate information of public interest without the need for a request.

5.1.1.2 Public Participation - the Right to Participate in Environmental Decision-making

Public participation relies upon information (to ensure that the public can participate in an informed fashion), and access to justice (to ensure that participation happens and is not just a paper exercise). In the first instance it must include the public that may be affected by or is otherwise interested in decision-making on a specific activity. The public must be afforded participation in the development of plans, programmes and policies; and participation in the preparation of laws, rules and legally binding norms.

5.1.1.3 Access to Justice - the Right of Access to Justice

Access to justice helps to enforce both the Access to Information and the Public Participation pillars of the convention. It also provides a mechanism for the public to enforce environmental law directly.

Siga-Hydro is committed to delivering an open and inclusive Public Participation programme that is by design accessible, meaningful and transparent.

5.2 Stakeholders

Stakeholder analysis is the process of collecting information about any person, group, or organisation that should be informed about, and might impact or be impacted by, the Silvermines Hydro project.

Conducting such an analysis has enabled Siga-Hydro to identify stakeholders, their needs and their expectations. Each stakeholder will have a unique view of the project and different perceptions about the change it will bring. With this information, Siga-Hydro can plan appropriately and choose the best communication methods with which to engage. This is not

a one-time process, attitudes can change, and new stakeholders may be identified in ongoing stakeholder analysis.

In compliance with the principles of transparency and inclusivity, stakeholders have been identified and classified based on their relevance to the project. This includes local communities, statutory bodies, environmental agencies, government representatives, and any other parties that could be directly or indirectly affected by the project.

Dedicated invitations for participation will be issued to relevant stakeholders, ensuring that all key parties are involved early in the process.

5.2.1 Silvermines Hydro Stakeholder Mapping

Analysis and mapping of stakeholders was broken down into four stages: identification, categorisation, prioritising and proximity. It is expected this information will evolve and develop as the project progresses. In the first stage, delivery of the Public Participation programme, will be used as an opportunity to fine tune information already gathered.

5.2.1.1 Stakeholder Identification

Siga-Hydro's stakeholder engagement will become more effective as the company gains deeper insights and learns more from those stakeholders.

To analyse stakeholder importance and the level to which the Silvermines Hydro project may influence them, one must understand who will be impacted by the project, who may have an interest in the project or who can influence its outcome. This may include individuals, groups and organisations, such as local communities, residents, local landowners, suppliers, government, media and the organisation's employees, investors and clients.

Methods used to identify stakeholders include:

- Core team workshop.
- Review of similar past projects.
- Review of stakeholder engagement by Siga-Hydro.
- Consideration of motivations.
- Geographic proximity to the project area.

A non-exhaustive list of project stakeholders is included in Appendix D.

5.2.1.2 Categorisation

Stakeholders identified have a variety of motivations that connect them with the Silvermines Hydro project in different ways. Research and the core team workshop was used to determine what these motivations and interests might be. In addition, factors were identified which may influence how stakeholders could view Silvermines Hydro, including (but not limited to): age, location, political opinion, values, business and community interests (if any). Also, consideration was given to stakeholders' level of understanding, knowledge and expectations regarding the project, as well as the benefits they might experience and concerns they might have.

Table 2 presents the categories of stakeholders identified in relation to the project.

Table 2 Categories of stakeholders

Categorisation	
1. Social	9. Irish Government
2. Heritage	10. Political Representatives
3. Tourism	11. Semi State and other statutory bodies
4. Economic	12. European Bodies
5. Local Resident Groups and Voluntary Associations	13. Interest Groups (includes local landowners)
6. Education	14. Environmental Groups
7. Religious Organisations	15. Other Authorities
8. Statutory/Prescribed Organisations	

Table 2 refers to different types of organisations within the stakeholder categories involved in decision-making or consultation processes, such as local community groups and voluntary associations (e.g., sports clubs, community councils), statutory or prescribed organisations (e.g., Tipperary County Council, environmental agencies, which are legally required to be consulted), and European bodies (e.g., the European Commission PCI team).

5.2.1.3 Prioritisation

Having identified key stakeholders, they were categorised and prioritised into groups using the Stakeholder Saliency Model³. The saliency model classifies stakeholders as having attributes: power, legitimacy and urgency (and places them within a Venn diagram), and eliminates those without any such attribute, ensuring efforts are focused correctly. The model enables a deeper understanding of each of the stakeholder's needs and informs the communications tools used in stakeholder engagement.

While this model helps focus efforts on those most affected (Zone 1 and key stakeholders), all stakeholder groups identified below (including Zones 3 and 4) will receive project information and opportunities to engage, ensuring inclusivity.

5.2.1.4 Proximity

Geographic areas likely to be impacted by the project have also been listed into zones and within each zone a high-level overview of how stakeholders are to be ranked is developed.

- Zone 1: Major - the closest stakeholders to the project site. The impact on stakeholders in this zone will be significant and interactions or impacts on stakeholders will be on a frequent basis.
- Zone 2: Moderate - stakeholders who frequently deal with the project. These are not as specific as Zone 1, but still important.
- Zone 3: Minor - stakeholder interaction will be limited in time and potentially restricted to a specific phase of the project.
- Zone 4: Negligible - interactions could occur on an incidental or occasional basis, and impacts are either very limited or non-existent.

³ Saliency Model: is a strategy tool for segmenting stakeholders. By ranking and evaluating all stakeholders, an overview and prioritization of all stakeholders who have a claim or interest in the problem and a potential solution is created.

5.2.2 Benefits from Analysing Stakeholders

Being Inclusive

By identifying and analysing stakeholders, Siga-Hydro can obtain a clear picture of who they are and ensure all those who are impacted by the project are considered.

Engaging Effectively

Grouping stakeholders based on analysis allows Siga-Hydro to plan targeted communications for each group, increasing the opportunities for positive engagement.

Promoting Understanding and Alignment

Creating communication channels enables stakeholders to understand the project's goals and its benefits, building trust and helping the project get support.

Anticipating Issues

Knowing stakeholders helps Siga-Hydro plan actions in advance, avoiding potential problems that could impact the project.

Gaining Insights

Key stakeholders may share relevant opinions and views with Siga-Hydro, which can be used to improve/ influence the project (and as an additional benefit, gain more of their support).

5.3 Principal Stakeholder Groups

The following key stakeholder groups were identified during the stakeholder mapping exercise:

- Social
- Heritage
- Tourism
- Economic Employment
- Local Residents Groups and Voluntary Associations
- Education Groups
- Religious Organisations
- Statutory Consultees
- Irish Government
- Political Representatives
- Semi-State Bodies and Statutory Bodies
- European Bodies
- Interest Groups
- Environmental groups
- Other Authorities

A non-exhaustive list of stakeholders capturing the principal participants in the Silvermines Hydro pre-application public participation process is contained in Appendix D.

To ensure comprehensive stakeholder engagement, it is important to note that the Interest Group category includes local landowners, particularly those adjacent to the project.

New stakeholders may be identified during the consultation process and will be added to the stakeholder list as the project progresses.

This stakeholder mapping exercise has directly informed Siga-Hydro's public participation strategy, tailoring the methods and outreach in Section 6 (below) to the needs and concerns of each group.

6.0 Our Approach

6.1 Structure of the Public Participation Programme

The strategy for Public Participation follows 5 key steps:

- **Step 1:** Establish consensus on the overall purpose of public participation. Organise for participation. Ensure that public input is possible.
- **Step 2:** Determine the key players who should be involved and define their roles.
- **Step 3:** Develop a Public Participation action plan. Select an appropriate level of public participation.
- **Step 4:** Implement the public participation process and integrate it into decision-making. Match participation tools to objectives at each stage.
- **Step 5:** Provide feedback to members of the public/stakeholders.

6.1.1 Consultation Themes

Engagement activity has been split into themes, which are expected to evolve as the programme progresses. These themes, informed by stakeholder mapping (which assessed each stakeholder group's urgency, influence, and power), are:

- Community Impact
- Project Logistics and Construction
- Natural Environment and Landscape
- Heritage
- Energy Security

Key stakeholder groups include residents in Silvermines and surrounding areas, local community organisations, statutory bodies (e.g. Tipperary County Council, EPA), and landowners adjacent to the project site. These groups will be the primary focus of engagement activities during formal consultation stages.

6.1.2 Methods of Engagement and Consultation Tools

To ensure maximum public participation, various consultation tools will be employed, including public exhibitions, one-to-one meetings with key stakeholders, digital feedback forms on the project website, and printed materials such as newsletters and flyers.

These tools are designed to facilitate easy access to information and provide multiple channels for stakeholders to provide feedback. The programme will use a variety of engagement methods, including:

- Information Leaflet/brochure (a bilingual brochure detailing the project's purpose, benefits, and timeline, distributed digitally and in print, as requested).
- Newsletters (to provide updates on events and progress, in print and online).
- Project website with online feedback (a dedicated bilingual site offering project information, an online contact form, and up-to-date news).
- Public Exhibitions Events where project details are shared with the community, allowing for questions, feedback, and engagement.
- Community Liaison Officer (CLO); A dedicated contact to address community concerns, share updates, and maintain positive relations.

- One-to-one Engagement: Participate in one-to-one briefings with stakeholders to gather specific feedback and provide tailored information.
- Media: Using local media channels (newspapers, radio, TV, social media) to share project updates and key milestones.
- Reporting: Progress reports to keep stakeholders informed on project status, challenges, and achievements.

In accordance with PCI guidance, a clear and comprehensive project information leaflet/brochure will be published and distributed widely, detailing the purpose, benefits, timetable, and potential impacts of the Silvermines Hydro Project.

This leaflet/brochure will be accessible in both digital and printed formats to maximise public access. This will be made available to all stakeholders by email (soft copy), in printed format on request and available to download on the project website.

Silvermines Hydro newsletters will be produced to provide information about project events, updates on progress and most importantly information about the Public Participation programme. Newsletters will be designed to increase awareness and encourage participation. The newsletters will be available in printed format and online.

The www.silvermineshydro.ie website is the project website offering stakeholders key project information, including project description, the latest development news, details of engagement events and opportunities to engage. It also includes full contact details, including an online contact form.

The website is a key tool in the delivery of the Public Participation programme, providing up to date project information in one accessible location. The website is in English and Irish and is WCAG AA compliant, making web content accessible for users in a wide variety of contexts.

Two public exhibitions will be held at a convenient location in Silvermines village. Each exhibition will have project team members in attendance, giving the community an opportunity to meet the team and ask questions in person. These events will be publicised locally via posters, press releases, local media, and the project website. Exhibition boards will inform the local community about the project. At each exhibition event, members of the project team will be in attendance to give the community an opportunity to meet with them in person.

One-to-one engagement will play a vital role in informing and reassuring key stakeholders. Participating in one-to-one briefings will provide an opportunity to understand public opinions about the project.

Media relationships are vital to the dissemination of accurate and important information throughout the lifetime of the project. Siga-Hydro will ensure the media are kept informed about the project, through a programme of proactive and reactive engagement.

Local and regional media (newspapers, radio, online news) will be leveraged to announce public consultation events and share key updates, to reach stakeholders who may not be on Siga-Hydro's direct contact list.

Maintenance of a Public Engagement Log is ongoing, to ensure accurate logging of public engagement activities and record keeping of interactions, ensuring transparency and accountability.

A comprehensive Public Participation and Engagement Report summarising the outcomes and contributions of stakeholder engagement will be produced and form part of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and planning documentation for the project.

6.2 Participation Programme

The pre-application stage Participation Programme is aligned with the project's progression to ensure that draft applications are submitted to the PCI unit as planned.

Timelines will be published on the project website and will clearly outline the stages of consultation, including the Concept Design, Detailed Design, and feedback integration phases. This timeline will also specify when stakeholders can engage with the project team during each consultation phase.

The public participation program for the project began in 2024 with the informal pre-design Stage 1, which focused on early engagement and open communication with the local community and key statutory consultees.

The next stages of formal consultation consist of 12 weeks in total, divided into Stage 2 (Concept Design Consultation) for 6 weeks from May to June 2025, and Stage 3 (Detailed Design Consultation) for 6 weeks in February 2026⁴, with a pause in between to incorporate feedback from Stage 2.

6.2.1 Stage 1 Pre-Design (July 2024 - May 2025)

The pre-design consultation, (Stage 1) while informal in nature, was a crucial part of the project's foundation. It focused on early, open communication with the local community and key statutory consultees, ensuring that their concerns and feedback were heard and incorporated. This stage laid the groundwork for future stages by promoting transparency, collaboration, and alignment.

6.2.1.1 Community and Statutory Engagement

A key component of this stage was the launch of the project website in July 2024, serving as the primary platform for updates, timelines, and documents. Throughout Stage 1, informal community liaison efforts were conducted to keep residents informed and address concerns. Engagement with statutory consultees, including local authorities, environmental agencies, and government departments, helped refine project plans to prepare for the subsequent stage planned in 2025.

6.2.1.2 Information and Collaboration

To further inform the community, a door-to-door campaign was launched alongside the distribution of information leaflets (presented below). In December 2024, information days provided an opportunity for residents and stakeholders to be introduced to the project, meet the project team, and provide initial feedback. Stage 1 concluded with strengthened relationships and incorporated feedback, creating a solid foundation for the subsequent development stages.

⁴ These dates are subject to change depending on the level of public and stakeholder engagement and project progression. Any changes to the dates will be communicated to the public and stakeholders in advance.



Figure 6 Project Information Flyer

6.2.2 Stages 2 & 3 Pre-Application Procedure (May 2025 - Autumn 2025)

Following the completion of Stage 1 and the commencement of the formal pre-application procedure with the CA, the Participation Programme is proceeding to Stage 2 (Concept Design) and Stage 3 (Detailed Design), which will focus on formal consultation and the refinement of the project design.

These stages are structured to engage the community and key stakeholders, ensuring that the final design is both technically sound and aligned with public and regulatory expectations.

Stage 2, the Concept Design will open in May and run until June 2025 and invite the community and stakeholders to engage with the design team on the development of the design concept for the project. This stage will focus on issues and ideas around the scale of the project, its integration within the landscape and the technical challenges around issues such as the management of water, road access, the restoration of landscape and habitats, and access opportunities to facilitate recreational access to the mountain trails.

An exhibition will be held in Silvermines village and one-to one engagements will commence with stakeholder groups.

Stage 2 will provide information and gather community feedback on key design issues and challenges to be addressed by the design team as they prepare the final design proposals.

The third stage of consultation, Stage 3 - Detailed Design, will begin in February 2026 and will focus on presenting the detailed design response. This stage will demonstrate how comments from the Concept Design Stage have been taken on board and have influenced the final design stage of the project.

Stage 3 will include a public exhibition event in Silvermines village, where key technical materials will be presented to ensure the public is fully informed. These materials will include design information, consultation display boards, and key assessments related to the refined project design.

In addition, further technical information, such as environmental and infrastructure considerations, will be shared to address any important technical aspects. The exhibition will be accompanied by a further round of one-to-one consultations with stakeholder groups (as required), providing an opportunity for more detailed discussions on the project and allowing the design team to address any concerns.

As part of this stage, a media campaign will be launched to advertise the event, with project updates outlined on the project website, as well as through newsletters and other communication channels specified in this CPP.

This stage aims to provide transparency, ensure a clear understanding of the final design, and gather any final feedback to refine the project.

Figure 4 (found in chapter 3.0 Project Timeline) summaries the stages for the Participation Programme.

6.3 Participation/Engagement Completed to Date

Siga-Hydro's Community Engagement Team have conducted several Public Participation activities in relation to the project. A summary of these activities is provided below.

1. Door-to-Door Engagement

Door-to-door engagement with homes in the Silvermines village and surrounding area was completed during Q4, 2024. In all, a total of 160 homes were visited. The main purpose of the door-to-door engagement was to introduce Siga-Hydro and its Community Engagement Team to the local community, to inform them of the project and of the expected timelines, and to answer any queries that may be raised. It was stressed that this visit by Siga-Hydro was the first of many interactions Siga-Hydro would have with residences over the duration of the various stages of the project.

Of the 160 homes visited, 40% of people were at home and engaged with the Siga-Hydro team. An information leaflet and a cover letter were left at the 60% of homes that were not occupied during the visit.

The response on the doorsteps was practically 100% positive, with most of those spoken to being aware of the project and with many people expressing the view that the project would be of benefit to Silvermines. Most people provided their contact details. The Community Engagement Team advised all those engaged that Siga-Hydro would be arranging a number of open days in a premises in the village and details would be available in due course.

2. Engagement with Clubs and Organisations

Contact has been made with the local clubs and organisations registered with the Tipperary Public Participation Network based in the village and surrounding area and offers to meet have been made to all of these groups.

To date, meetings have been held with the Silvermines GAA Club, the Silvermines Playground Committee, the local Graveyard Committee, the Silvermines Enhancement Group and the Silvermines Historical Society. In addition, meetings have been held with the local Parish Priest and the Primary School Principal.

3. Public Information Events

Three public information events have taken place in the village (on Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th and Saturday 7th December 2024). Approximately 100 people attended these events and 67 of these completed a detailed questionnaire covering the following topics:

- Their connection to the community (resident, visitor, etc).
- Their awareness of the project.
- Their opinion of the project.
- Their opinion on any benefits the project may bring to the community.
- Their concerns about the project.
- Their views on a Community Benefit Fund.
- Their awareness of, and their access to, the project website.

Each of the topics had multiple choice options for the respondents to choose from. Detailed data on the responses is available on file.



Figure 6 Information Events

4. On-Line Engagement

In the past 6 months, 61 on-line contacts have been made with Siga-Hydro either through the Siga-Hydro email address (community@silvermineshydro.ie) or through the Siga-Hydro website (www.silvermineshydro.ie). Of these, 48 have asked to be included on the circulation list for the Siga-Hydro newsletters.

5. Engagement with Tipperary County Council and Elected Representatives

a) Nenagh Municipal District Council

Nenagh Municipal District Council comprises 9 Elected Members (County Councillors) who meet every month. Council Officials also attend these meetings. Siga-Hydro attended the November 2024 Council meeting and gave a PowerPoint

presentation followed by a question-and-answer session. The Elected Members expressed a positive outlook towards the project, offering constructive feedback on behalf of their constituents and the Municipal District Council. They valued the early engagement and welcomed the ongoing collaboration throughout the process.

b) County Council Management Team

Siga-Hydro met with Tipperary County Council's Senior Management Team on the 28th November 2024 and briefed them on the project.

c) Silvermines Inter-Agency Group

Siga-Hydro attended a meeting of the Silvermines Inter Agency Group on the 12th December 2024.

The Group consists of representatives of the following organisations and agencies:

- Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.
- Department of Communications, Climate Action and the Environment.
- Environmental Protection Agency.
- Food Safety Authority of Ireland.
- Health Services Executive.
- Teagasc.
- Tipperary County Council.

Following a PowerPoint presentation, the Inter Agency Group engaged in a question-and-answer session and expressed their support for the Project.

d) Environment and Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee

Tipperary County Council's Environment and Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee comprises Elected Representatives and representatives from business, farming, trade unions, environmental/conservation groups, and the community and voluntary sector. These meetings are held every quarter. Siga-Hydro has attended the meeting of the committee on 11th June 2025.

6.4 Public Participation Programme to be Completed

- The next stages of the formal consultation process comprise of 12 weeks in total, divided into Stage 2 (Concept Design consultation: May 16th – June 27th, 2025) and Stage 3 (Detailed Design consultation: 6 weeks in February 2026), with a pause between to integrate Stage 2 feedback.
- The information leaflet/brochure was published during May 2025, outlining the scope and extent of the project.
- A first project newsletter was published during May 2025. This invited the community to the first event (the 'Concept Event') and to submit comments on key issues and concerns they might have with the project, but also to submit their ideas and opportunities for the project to deliver positive impacts on the community, local environment and regional economy. This edition of the newsletter carried a first draft concept plan of the project.
- The launch of project newsletter one and project information leaflet/brochure was advertised on the website, in Silvermines Village, and on local and regional media and news outlets.

- In addition to public notices, Siga-Hydro will extend written invitations to relevant stakeholders, including community groups, statutory bodies, and local representatives, to ensure they are aware of the consultation events and can participate in one-to-one briefings.
- Written invitations will be sent to identified stakeholder groups no less than two weeks in advance of each public exhibition and one-to-one engagement opportunity.
- The Concept Event was held in Silvermines Village on 6th and 7th June 2025. Consultation boards were displayed at the event, introducing the design concept for the project, explaining what it is, why it is important, how it will operate, and how it might impact the environment around it and the community that live nearby. Members of the Siga-Hydro team were at the event to answer questions that the community had about the project.
- Wider one-to-one consultations will also be held with stakeholders that request them.
- During the formal consultation period, the project team will also be available to meet individually with statutory bodies or interest groups upon request to discuss the project in detail.
- Stage 2 is about providing information and gaining stakeholder and community feedback on the key design and development issues and challenges that need to be addressed.
- Feedback from this formal stage is designed to proactively feed into the technical design development of the project and to enable the community to influence the final and preferred design and masterplan.
- Newsletter two will be issued in Autumn 2025. This will provide feedback to the community on what issues and ideas have been raised on the project. Along the theme of 'this is what you told us', the second newsletter will confirm and validate back to the community the key issues/concerns that they have raised and how the project has responded to these issues and ideas.
- Stage 3, project exhibition and public participation event ('Main Event') will be held in February 2026 in Silvermines village to provide an update on how the project has progressed.
- Newsletter three will be issued in early Spring 2026 and will provide any project updates to the community.
- Throughout the entire two 6-week consultation stages, the Siga-Hydro's Engagement Team will monitor and manage queries, comments and responses.
- The feedback from the Main Event will be advanced through detailed environmental assessment (EIAR) prior to submission of the draft application to the PCI unit.
- Throughout the consultations, stakeholder inputs (questions, concerns, suggestions) will be logged and analysed. Tools such as feedback forms (either online and at events) and summary notes from meetings will be used to ensure comments are recorded. This information will feed into the consultation reports and project design iterations.
- Feedback received outside the formal consultation windows will also be acknowledged, recorded, and considered during design development where feasible, provided it does not cause undue delay to the permitting process or progression of the project.

After the completion of the public consultation stages, Siga-Hydro will compile a Consultation Report detailing the feedback received and specifying how the project has addressed the

opinions expressed (including any design modifications or explanations for suggestions not adopted). This report will be published on the project website.

Additionally, a Summary Report will document all public participation activities undertaken (including those before the formal permit process began). Both reports will be submitted as part of the final application to An Bord Pleanála, ensuring transparency and accountability for how public input influenced the project.

6.5 Resourcing

6.5.1 The Engagement Team

A dedicated Engagement Team, led by Siga-Hydro's Community Liaison Officer and supported by SLR Consulting, will ensure that all public consultations are organised and managed effectively. The team will be responsible for addressing stakeholder concerns, responding to queries, and ensuring the timely dissemination of project updates.

Support of the participation programme will be drawn from the wider resources of the project team as follows:

- **Siga Hydro Limited** – Siga-Hydro's in house management team will assist in the delivery of the engagement programme including their Community Liaison Officer and their Head of Consultation. The dedicated Community Liaison Officer will act as a consistent point of contact for local residents.
- **SLR Consulting** - Members of SLR's planning team will lead and help deliver the engagement programme. SLR Consulting is a multidisciplinary environmental services consultancy with expertise in renewable energy, environmental assessment, and strategic planning. SLR supports clients across a diverse range of industries on setting sustainability strategies and seeing them through to implementation. SLR are leading advisors on the project management, environmental assessment, and community participation aspects of the Silvermines Hydro project.
- **Stantec** - Stantec are designers, engineers, scientists, and project managers, innovating together at the intersection of community, creativity, and client relationships. Their projects advance the quality of life in communities across the globe. Stantec are leading the engineering design of the pumped hydro power station at Silvermines.
- **AECOM** - AECOM is a global infrastructure consulting firm, partnering with clients to solve complex challenges and build legacies for generations to come. AECOM are leading on the design of the sub-stations and grid connection for the project.
- **Tom Philips Associates (TPA)** - TPA is a planning consultancy firm based in Dublin and Cork with extensive experience on the delivery of strategic energy infrastructure projects throughout Ireland. TPA are leading on all planning aspects of the project.

Table 3 presents the Engagement Team resourcing for the planned public engagement events.

Table 3 Engagement Team for the public engagement events

Role	Name	Email
Engagement Strategy	Paul McTernan (SLR)	pmcternan@slrconsulting.com
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Siga Community Engagement Lead	Karl Cashen (Siga-Hydro)	kcashen@sigahydro.com

Role	Name	Email
Siga Community Liaison Officer (CLO)	Laura McSherry (Siga-Hydro)	lmcsherry@sigahydro.com
Event Facilitators	Darren Quinn (Siga-Hydro) Ken Oakley (Siga-Hydro) Barry Balding (SLR) Hannah McGillycuddy (SLR)	

6.5.2 Communications

Communications in relation to Public Participation in the pre-planning stage of the project, will be managed by Siga-Hydro. The communications methods employed to ensure the delivery of an effective stakeholder engagement plan within the identified categories of importance will also be published on the Silvermines website.

The communications plan considers external communications and explores opportunities to publicise the project to its target audience, as well as key stakeholders, policy makers, service providers and the wider community.

A range of media outlets will be used to provide information and updates on the project's progress. These will include at least one national and least one regional/local newspapers, display of information posters at local venues, as well as advertising public engagement events on social media platforms.



Figure 7 Event Information Poster



Figure 8 Project Newsletter

7.0 Closure

Siga-Hydro is fully committed to implementing the Public Participation Programme for the project.

Siga-Hydro will continue to engage with stakeholders in a transparent and consistent manner, providing regular updates at key project milestones and integrating public feedback into project decisions whenever feasible. Upon completion of the planned consultation stages, Siga-Hydro will publish the outcomes and demonstrate how stakeholder input has shaped the project's development.

The Concept for Public Participation (CPP) was submitted on the 9th May to An Bord Pleanála (the Competent Authority) for approval, in accordance with Article 9(3) of Regulation 2022/869.

An Coimisiún Pleanála (formally An Bord Pleanála) in its designated role as Competent Authority for Projects of Common Interest has decided under article 9.3 of Regulation (EU) No. 2022/869 on the 7th of August 2025 and recommend modifications to the CPP, which were incorporated into this document.

The CPP is now available on the project website for public access and reference.

The public consultation process undertaken to date, along with the planned activities for the remainder of 2025, aims to fully comply with the requirements set forth in Article 9 and Annex VI (Public Participation requirements) of Regulation (EU) 2022/869.

The key steps to be taken include:

- Continue to develop and update the dedicated project website.
- Produce a project leaflet/brochure in both English and Irish.
- Distribute newsletters via email, mail, and the project website.
- Organise public consultation exhibitions.
- Co-ordinate one-on-one meetings with stakeholders upon request.
- Promote public consultation events through the project website, local media and social media channels.

Siga-Hydro encourages ongoing and open dialogue and look forward to further contributions as the project progresses.

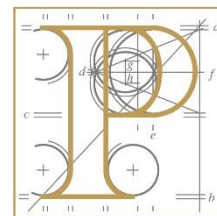
Appendix A An Bord Pleanála Acknowledgement of the PCI Notification

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Our Case Number: PCI0006



An
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Mr Darren Quinn,
Silvermines Hydro,
24 Cecil Walk,
Kenyon Street,
Nenagh,
County Tipperary,
Ireland.

Date: 27 February, 2025

Re: Silvermines Hydroelectric Energy Storage Project

Dear Darren,

I refer to your letter of 11th December 2024, notifying An Bord Pleanála National Competent Authority under Regulation (EU) 2022/869 of the Silvermines Hydroelectric Energy Storage Project, listed as project 1.13 on the Union List of Projects of Common Interest and Projects of Mutual Interest.

Having contacted the concerned authorities An Bord Pleanála, acting in its capacity as National Competent Authority, acknowledges the project as mature enough to enter the permit granting process. Under Article 10.3 of Regulation (EU) 2022/869, the date of this letter of acknowledgement of the Notification marks the start of the permit granting process.

As the project has entered the permit granting process, the pre-application procedure will comprise the following next steps, as outlined in Article 10.6 of the Regulation:

- the scope of the reports and documents and the level of detail of the information to be submitted,
- a detailed schedule for the permit granting process,

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Also, Article 9.3 of the Regulation requires you, as project promoter, to draw up and submit a concept for public participation to us in our role as National Competent Authority within an indicative period of three months of the date of this letter.

In terms of progressing the project through the permit granting process, we suggest that you may wish to submit the concept for public participation and then we move to progress the scoping of the reports and the detailed scheduling of the permit granting process.

A copy of the responses received from each of the concerned authorities is attached for your information. The authorities have been informed that the project has been acknowledged as being mature enough to enter the permit granting process.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Byrne

Karen Byrne,
Executive Officer,
NCA.
Direct Line: 01-8737264

Appendix – Responses by Concerned Authorities

Authority Concerned	Response from Authority
An Bord Pleanála (Strategic Infrastructure Development)	Attached
Commission for Regulation of Utilities	Attached
Tipperary County Council	Attached

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Appendix B Article 9 Transparency & Public Participation TEN-E Regulation

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*Article 9***Transparency and public participation**

1. By 24 October 2023, the Member State or national competent authority shall, where applicable, in collaboration with other authorities concerned, publish an updated manual of procedures for the permit granting process applicable to projects on the Union list to include at least the information specified in point (1) of Annex VI. The manual shall not be legally binding, but it shall refer to or quote relevant legal provisions. The national competent authorities shall, where relevant, cooperate and find synergies with the authorities of neighbouring countries with a view to exchanging good practices and facilitating the permit granting process, in particular for the development of the manual of procedures.

2. Without prejudice to environmental law and any requirements under the Aarhus Convention, the Espoo Convention and relevant Union law, all parties involved in the permit granting process shall follow the principles for public participation set out in point (3) of Annex VI.

3. The project promoter shall, within an indicative period of three months following the start of the permit granting process pursuant to Article 10(3), draw up and submit a concept for public participation to the national competent authority, following the process outlined in the manual referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and in line with the guidelines set out in Annex VI. The national competent authority shall request modifications or approve the concept for public participation within three months of receipt of the concept, taking into consideration any form of public participation and consultation that took place before the start of the permit granting process, to the extent that such public participation and consultation has fulfilled the requirements of this Article.

Where the project promoter intends to make significant changes to an approved concept for public participation, it shall inform the national competent authority thereof. In that case the national competent authority may request modifications.

4. Where it is not already required under national law at the same or higher standards, the project promoter or, where required by national law, the national competent authority shall carry out at least one public consultation, before the project promoter submits the final and complete application file to the national competent authority pursuant to Article 10(7). That public consultation shall be without prejudice to any public consultation to be carried out after submission of the request for development consent pursuant to Article 6(2) of Directive 2011/92/EU. The public consultation shall inform the stakeholders referred to in point (3)(a) of Annex VI about the project at an early stage and shall help to identify the most suitable location, trajectory or technology, including, where relevant, in view of adequate climate adaptation considerations for the project, all impacts relevant under Union and national law, and the relevant issues to be addressed in the application file. The public consultation shall comply with the minimum requirements set out in point (5) of Annex VI. Without prejudice to the procedural and transparency rules in Member States, the project promoter shall publish on the website referred to in paragraph 7 of this Article a report explaining how the opinions expressed in the public consultations were taken into account by showing the amendments made in the location, trajectory and design of the project, or by providing reasons why such opinions have not been taken into account.

The project promoter shall prepare a report summarising the results of activities related to the participation of the public prior to the submission of the application file, including those activities that took place before the start of the permit granting process.

The project promoter shall submit the reports referred to in the first and second subparagraphs together with the application file to the national competent authority. The comprehensive decision shall take due account of the results of these reports.

5. For cross-border projects involving two or more Member States, the public consultations carried out pursuant to paragraph 4 in each of the Member States concerned shall take place within a period of no more than two months from the date on which the first public consultation started.

6. For projects likely to have a significant transboundary impact in one or more neighbouring Member States, to which Article 7 of Directive 2011/92/EU and the Espoo Convention are applicable, the relevant information shall be made available to the national competent authorities of the neighbouring Member States concerned. The national competent authorities of the neighbouring Member States concerned shall indicate, in the notification process where appropriate, whether they, or any other authority concerned, wishes to participate in the relevant public consultation procedures.

7. The project promoter shall establish and regularly update a dedicated project website with relevant information about the project of common interest, which shall be linked to the Commission website and the transparency platform referred to in Article 23 and which shall meet the requirements specified in point (6) of Annex VI. Commercially sensitive information shall be kept confidential.

Project promoters shall also publish relevant information by other appropriate information means open to the public.

Article 10

Duration and implementation of the permit granting process

1. The permit granting process shall consist of two procedures:
 - (a) the pre-application procedure, covering the period between the start of the permit granting process and the acceptance of the submitted application file by the national competent authority, which shall take place within an indicative period of 24 months; and
 - (b) the statutory permit granting procedure, covering the period from the date of acceptance of the submitted application file until the taking of the comprehensive decision, which shall not exceed 18 months.

With regard to point (b) of the first subparagraph, where appropriate, Member States may provide for a statutory permit granting procedure that is shorter than 18 months.

2. The national competent authority shall ensure that the combined duration of the two procedures referred to in paragraph 1 does not exceed a period of 42 months.

However, where the national competent authority considers that one or both of the procedures will not be completed within the time limits set in paragraph 1, it may extend one or both of those time limits before their expiry and on a case-by-case basis. The national competent authority shall not extend the combined duration of the two procedures for more than nine months other than in exceptional circumstances.

Where the national competent authority extends the time limits, it shall inform the Group concerned and present it with the measures taken, or to be taken, for the conclusion of the permit granting process, with the least possible delay. The Group may request that the national competent authority reports regularly on progress achieved in that regard and reasons for any delays.

3. For the purpose of establishing the start of the permit granting process, the project promoters shall notify the project to the national competent authority of each Member State concerned in written form and shall include a reasonably detailed outline of the project.

Within three months of receipt of the notification, the national competent authority shall acknowledge or, if it considers the project not to be mature enough to enter the permit granting process, reject the notification, in writing, including on behalf of other authorities concerned. In the event of a rejection, the national competent authority shall provide reasons for its decision, including on behalf of other authorities concerned. The date of signature of the acknowledgement of the notification by the national competent authority shall mark the start of the permit granting process. Where two or more Member States are concerned, the date of the acceptance of the last notification by the national competent authority concerned shall mark the start of the permit granting process.

The national competent authorities shall ensure that the permit granting process is accelerated in line with this Chapter for each category of projects of common interest. To that end, the national competent authorities shall adapt their requirements for the start of the permit granting process and for the acceptance of the submitted application file, to make them fit for projects that due to their nature, dimension or lack of requirement for environmental assessment under national law, may require less authorisations and approvals for reaching the ready-to-build phase. Member States may decide that the pre-application procedure referred to in paragraphs 1 and 6 of this Article is not required for the projects referred to in this subparagraph.

Appendix C Annex VI Guidelines for Transparency & Public Participation TEN-E Regulation

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ANNEX VI

GUIDELINES FOR TRANSPARENCY AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- (1) The manual of procedures referred to in Article 9(1) shall contain at least:
 - (a) specifications of the relevant pieces of legislation upon which decisions and opinions are based for the various types of relevant projects of common interest, including environmental law;
 - (b) the list of relevant decisions and opinions to be obtained;
 - (c) the names and contact details of the competent authority, other authorities concerned and major stakeholders concerned;
 - (d) the work flow, outlining each stage in the process, including an indicative timeline and a concise overview of the decision-making process for the various types of relevant projects of common interest;
 - (e) information about the scope, structure and level of detail of documents to be submitted with the application for decisions, including a checklist;
 - (f) the stages and means for the general public to participate in the process;
 - (g) the manner in which the competent authority, other authorities concerned and the project promoter shall demonstrate that the opinions expressed in the public consultation were taken into account, for example by showing what amendments were done in the location and design of the project or by providing reasons why such opinions have not been taken into account;
 - (h) to the extent possible, translations of its content in all languages of the neighbouring Member States to be realised in coordination with the relevant neighbouring Member States.
- (2) The detailed schedule referred to in Article 10(6), point (b), shall at least specify the following:
 - (a) the decisions and opinions to be obtained;
 - (b) the authorities, stakeholders, and the public likely to be concerned;
 - (c) the individual stages of the procedure and their duration;
 - (d) major milestones to be accomplished and their deadlines in view of the comprehensive decision to be taken;
 - (e) the resources planned by the authorities and possible additional resource needs.
- (3) Without prejudice to the requirements for public consultations under environmental law, to increase public participation in the permit granting process and ensure in advance information and dialogue with the public, the following principles shall be applied:
 - (a) the stakeholders affected by a project of common interest, including relevant national, regional and local authorities, landowners and citizens living in the vicinity of the project, the general public and their associations, organisations or groups, shall be extensively informed and consulted at an early stage, in an inclusive manner, when potential concerns by the public can still be taken into account and in an open and transparent manner. Where relevant, the competent authority shall actively support the activities undertaken by the project promoter;
 - (b) competent authorities shall ensure that public consultation procedures for projects of common interest are grouped together where possible including public consultations already required under national law. Each public consultation shall cover all subject matters relevant to the particular stage of the procedure, and one subject matter relevant to the particular stage of the procedure shall not be addressed in more than one public consultation; however, one public consultation may take place in more than one geographical location. The subject matters addressed by a public consultation shall be clearly indicated in the notification of the public consultation;
 - (c) comments and objections shall be admissible only from the beginning of the public consultation until the expiry of the deadline;
 - (d) the project promoters shall ensure that consultations take place during a period that allows for open and inclusive public participation.

- (4) The concept for public participation shall at least include information about:
 - (a) the stakeholders concerned and addressed;
 - (b) the measures envisaged, including proposed general locations and dates of dedicated meetings;
 - (c) the timeline;
 - (d) the human resources allocated to various tasks.
 - (5) In the context of the public consultation to be carried out before submission of the application file, the relevant parties shall at least:
 - (a) publish in electronic and, where relevant, printed form, an information leaflet of no more than 15 pages, giving, in a clear and concise manner, an overview of the description, purpose and preliminary timetable of the development steps of the project, the national grid development plan, alternative routes considered, types and characteristics of the potential impact, including of cross-border or transboundary nature, and possible mitigation measures, such information leaflet is to be published prior to the start of the consultation and to list the web addresses of the website of the project of common interest referred to in Article 9(7), the transparency platform referred to in Article 23 and the manual of procedures referred to in point (1) of this Annex;
 - (b) publish the information on the consultation on the website of the project of common interest referred to in Article 9(7), on the bulletin boards of the offices of local administrations, and, at least, in one or, if applicable, two local media outlets;
 - (c) invite, in written or electronic form, the relevant affected stakeholders, associations, organisations and groups to dedicated meetings, during which concerns shall be discussed.
 - (6) The project website referred to in Article 9(7) shall at least publish the following information:
 - (a) the date when the project website was last updated;
 - (b) translations of its content in all languages of the Member States concerned by the project or on which the project has a significant cross-border impact in accordance with point (1) of Annex IV;
 - (c) the information leaflet referred to in point (5) updated with the latest data on the project;
 - (d) a non-technical and regularly updated summary reflecting the current status of the project, including geographic information, and clearly indicating, in case of updates, changes to previous versions;
 - (e) the implementation plan as set out in Article 5(1) updated with the latest data on the project;
 - (f) the funds allocated and disbursed by the Union for the project;
 - (g) the project and public consultation planning, clearly indicating dates and locations for public consultations and hearings and the envisaged subject matters relevant for those hearings;
 - (h) contact details in view of obtaining additional information or documents;
 - (i) contact details in view of conveying comments and objections during public consultations.
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Appendix D Stakeholder Table

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This is a non-exhaustive list of stakeholders capturing the principal participants in the Silvermines Hydro pre application public participation process. Additional groups/organisations who may respond to public advertisement or who participate in attending the public exhibition events may be added to the stakeholder categories as the project progresses.

Appendix 4 – Stakeholders

The following tables present the key stakeholder groups identified during the stakeholder mapping exercise, under the following headings:

Table 1: Social Stakeholders

Silvermines GAA Club	Withheld for GDPR compliance
Silvermines AFC	Withheld for GDPR compliance
Silvermines Rambling Festival	Withheld for GDPR compliance
Silvermines Sports Facility Committee	Withheld for GDPR compliance
Silvermines Community Centre	Silverminescommunitycentre@gmail.com
Nenagh Badminton Club	nenaghbc1@gmail.com
Nenagh Bridge Centre	Withheld for GDPR compliance
Nenagh Celtic Football Club	Withheld for GDPR compliance
Nenagh Community Events Team	Withheld for GDPR compliance
Nenagh Cricket Club	nenaghcc@gmail.com
Nenagh Eire Og GAA	eireognenagh@gmail.com
Club Nenagh Hockey Club	info@nenaghockeyclub.ie
Nenagh Kickboxing Club	nenaghkickboxingclub@gmail.com
Nenagh Lawn Tennis Club	info@nenaghltc.ie
Nenagh Golf Club	info@nenaghgolfclub.com
Nenagh Swimming Club	nnsccsecretary@gmail.com
Nenagh Olympic Athletic Club	nenagholympic@gmail.com
Nenagh Ormond Rugby Football Club	norfcsec@gmail.com
Nenagh Squash Club	nenaghsquashclub@gmail.com
Nenagh Triathlon Club	nenaghtriathlonclub.com
Nenagh Warriors Basketball Club	nenaghwarriorsbasketballclub@gmail.com
Riding for the Disabled Nenagh Branch	Withheld for GDPR compliance
St. Paul's Boxing Club, Nenagh	Withheld for GDPR compliance
Nenagh AFC	info@nenaghafc.ie
Nenagh Walking Club	aonacharsiul@gmail.com
Nenagh Arts Centre	reception@nenagharts.com

Table 2: Heritage Stakeholders

Silvermines Historical Society	silvermineshistoricalsociety@gmail.com
Nenagh Heritage Centre	nenaghheritagecentre@gmail.com

Table 3: Tourism Stakeholders

Nenagh TIC	nenaghtouristoffice@tipperarycoco.ie
Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media	tourismdivision@tcagsm.gov.ie
Faillte Ireland	CustomerSupport@failteireland.ie

Table 4: Economic Stakeholders

Nenagh Chamber of Commerce	chamber@nenagh.ie
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Table 5: Local Resident Groups & Voluntary Organisations

Nenagh Tidy Towns	Withheld for GDPR compliance
Nenagh Community Allotments	Withheld for GDPR compliance
Silvermines Men's Shed	info@menssheds.ie
Nenagh Classic Car Club	info@nenaghclassiccarclub.com
Silvermines Women's shed	Withheld for GDPR compliance
Springfort Meadows Residents Association, Nenagh	Withheld for GDPR compliance
Silvermines Playground Committee	silverminesplayground@yahoo.com
Silvermines Senior Citizens Committee	Withheld for GDPR compliance
Silvermines Enhancement Group	Withheld for GDPR compliance
Autism Friendly Nenagh	autismfriendlynenagh@gmail.com
Kilmore Graveyard Committee	Withheld for GDPR compliance
Irish Country Woman's Association, Nenagh	admin@ica.ie
Irish Wheelchair Association (Nenagh District /Voluntary Branch)	info@iwa.ie
Nenagh Residents Association	Withheld for GDPR compliance
Nenagh Urban Social Farm	Withheld for GDPR compliance
Nenagh Branch of Irish Red Cross	secretary.nenagh@irishredcross.com
Nenagh Choral Society Ltd	nenaghchoralsociety@gmail.com
Nenagh Pastoral Centre	office@nenaghparish.ie
Nenagh Country Market	Withheld for GDPR compliance
Nenagh Men's Shed	Withheld for GDPR compliance
Nenagh Ormond Brass Band	enquiriesnobb@gmail.com
Nenagh Players	nenaghplayers1943@gmail.com
Nenagh Toastmasters	Withheld for GDPR compliance
Nenagh Order of Malta	nenagh@ordrerofmalta.ie
Carrig Rua Nenagh Residents Association Local Landowners	Withheld for GDPR compliance
Nenagh Community Events Team	nenaghcommunitynews@gmail.com

Table 6: Educational Groups

Silvermines National School	silverminesns@gmail.com
Nenagh CBS Primary School	info@nenaghcbasp.ie
Lissenhall National School	liosanhalla@gmail.com
Nenagh College	adminnenaghcollege@tipperaryetb.ie
Ballinacclough National School	office@ballycloughns.com
Nenagh Childcare Centre	Withheld for GDPR compliance
Boher National School (Killaloe)	admin.boherns@gmail.com
Ladybirds Pre School & Child Care Centre, Nenagh	ladybirdsplayschool@gmail.com
Technological University of the Shannon	reception.Midwest@tus.ie
Rainbow Preschool & Childcare Centre, Nenagh	rainbowdromin@gmail.com
St Mary's Secondary School, Nenagh	admin@stmarysnenagh.ie
University of Limerick	reception@ul.ie
St Mary's Convent PS, Nenagh	info@stmarysprimary.ie
iCrag Research Centre (UCD)	info@icrag-centre.org
St Joseph's CBS, Nenagh	recdeption@cbsnenagh.com

Table 7: Religious Organisations

Our Lady of Lourdes - Silvermines	office@killaloediocese.ie
Nenagh Baptist Church	nenaghbaptist@gmail.com
St Mary of the Rosary, Nenagh	Office@nenaghparish.ie
St Nicholas Parish Church	saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com

Table 8: Statutory Consultees

An Coimisiún Pleanála(competent authority in law)	communications@pleanala.ie
Health and Safety Authority	contactus@hsa.ie
Tipperary County Council (Local authority)	customerservices@tipperarycoco.ie
Health Services Executive	press@hse.ie
Limerick City and County Council	customerservices@limerick.ie
Transport Infrastructure Ireland	info@tii.ie
Clare County Council	customerservices@clarecoco.ie
Southern Regional Assembly	info@southernassembly.ie
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	info@epa.ie
Inland Fisheries	info@fisheriesireland.ie
National Parks and Wildlife Service	natureconservation@npws.gov.ie
Irish Water (Uisce Eireann)	customerservice@water.ie
DAU (Development Applications Unit)	manager.dau@housing.gov.ie
Geological Survey of Ireland (GSI)	GSIPlanning@gsi.ie
Dublin City Council	customerservices@dublincity.ie

Cork County Council	corporate.services@CorkCoCo.ie
South Dublin County Council	info@sdublincoco.ie
Waterford County Council	contact@waterfordcouncil.ie
Kildare County Council	customerservices@kildarecoco.ie
Kilkenny County Council	ilInfo@kilkennycoco.ie
Laois County Council	corpaffairs@laoiscoco.ie
Offaly County Council	customerservices@offalycoco.ie
An Taisce (environmental lobby group)	info@antaisce.org

Table 9: Irish Government

DAFM (Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine)	info@agriculture.gov.ie
DRCD (Department of Rural & Community Development) Southern Regional Assembly	info@drcd.gov.ie
DECC (Department Environment Climate and Communications and Climate) – mining and minerals advisory, energy policy, renewable energy policy, GSI	customer.service@decc.gov.ie
DHLH (Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage)	QCSEfficer@housing.gov.ie
GSRO (Geo Science Regulation Office) environment section of DECC	GSRO@decc.gov.ie
Department of Transport	info@transport.gov.ie
GSPD (Geo Science Policy Division) environment section of DECC	GSPD@decc.gov.ie

Table 10: Political Representatives

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Ryan O'Meara, T.D.	ryan.omeara@oireachtas.ie
Joe Hannigan	john.carroll@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie
Louise Morgan Walsh	louise.morganwalsh@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie
John Carroll	john.carroll@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie
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JP O'Meara	pj.omeara@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie
Pamela Quirke O'Meara	pamela.quirkeomeara@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie
Seamus Morris	seamus.morris@cllr.tipperarycoco.ie

Table 11: Semi-state & other Statutory Bodies

Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI)	info@fsai.ie
Shannon Group PLC (Slieve Felim Way)	info@snnairportgroup.ie
Commission for Regulation of Utilities	customercare@cru.ie
Heritage Council	mail@heritagecouncil.ie
EirGrid	info@eirgrid.com
Irish Rail (Iarnród Éireann)	digital@irishrail.ie
Sports Ireland	abrennan@irishsportsCouncil.ie
Office of Public Works (OPW)	info@opw.ie
Coillte	info@coillte.ie
Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI)	info@seai.ie
ESB	esbnetworks@esb.ie

Table 12: European Bodies

CINEA (European climate infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency)	cinea@ec.europa.eu
DG Energy (Directorate General for Energy, European Commission)	ENER-B1-PROJECTS@ec.europa.eu
ENTSO-E European Network of Transmission System Operators	info@entsoe.eu
ACER The European Agency for Cooperation of Energy Regulators	info@acer.europa.eu

Table 13: Interest Groups

CIF (Construction Ireland Federation)	info@cif.ie
Silvermines Farmers (farmer specific)	Withheld for GDPR compliance
Institution of Engineers Ireland	administration@engineersireland.ie
ICMSA (Irish Creamery & Milk Suppliers Association)	info@icmsa.ie
IPI (Irish Planners Institute)	info@ipi.ie
TEAGASC (Agriculture & Food Dev Authority)	info@teagasc.ie
ACEI (Association of Consulting Engineers Ireland)	info@acei.ie
IDA (Irish Development Authority)	idaireland@ida.ie
IGI (Institute of Geologists of Ireland)	info@igi.ie
Birdwatch Ireland	info@birdwatchireland.ie
Renewable Storage	hello@renewableenergyireland.ie
Bat Conservation Ireland	admin@batconservationireland.org
IWEA (Irish Wind Energy Association)	office@windenergyireland.com
Geo Science Ireland	Withheld for GDPR compliance

ESB (Electricity Supply Board)	esbnetworks@esb.ie
Irish Wildlife Ireland	info@iwt.ie
Kilmastulla Drainage Committee	Withheld for GDPR compliance
IFA (Irish Farmers Association)	info@ifa.ie

Table 14: Environmental Stakeholders

Friends of the Earth	info@foe.ie
Rewilding Ireland	info@rewildyourland.ie
Inter-Agency Group (IAG) for Silvermines	environment@tipperarycoco.ie
Royal Horticultural Society Ireland	info@rhsi.ie
Irish Environmental Network	office@ien.ie
Silvermines Environmental Action Group	Withheld for GDPR compliance
National Biodiversity Data Centre Ireland (NBDCI)	info@biodiversityireland.ie
Mining Heritage Ireland	minesresearch@gmail.com

Table 15: Other Authorities

Transport Infrastructure Ireland	info@tii.ie
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An Chomhairle Ealaíon	planning@artscouncil.ie
The Heritage Council	mail@heritagecouncil.ie
Inland Fisheries Ireland	info@fisheriesireland.ie
Waterways Ireland	info@waterwaysireland.org
Irish Aviation Authority	info@iaa.ie
Coras Iompair Éireann	info@cie.ie
Department of Transport	info@transport.gov.ie
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	info@epa.ie
Department of Justice	info@justice.ie
Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine	info@agriculture.gov.ie
Commission for Regulation of Utilities	info@cru.ie
Commission for Railway Regulation	info@crr.ie
Irish Water	customerservice@water.ie
Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly	info@emra.ie
Northern and Western Regional Assembly	info@nwra.ie
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