



CPP ADDENDUM

Silvermines Hydroelectric Energy Storage Project (PCI 1.13) Concept for Public Participation – Addendum No. 1

Date: 24 February 2026

1. Purpose of this Addendum

This Addendum provides an update to the implementation schedule of the Public Participation Programme set out in the approved Concept for Public Participation (CPP), submitted pursuant to Article 9(3) of Regulation (EU) 2022/869.

The approved CPP remains unchanged in structure, scope, stakeholder identification, and engagement commitments.

This Addendum relates solely to the sequencing of Stage 3 consultation activities.

2. Background

During the ongoing pre-application procedure, further technical, environmental and engineering assessment work has progressed in relation to:

- The proposed off-site substation location and grid interface arrangements;
- The siting and design concept development of the proposed Visitor Centre;
- The integration of proposed public amenities and recreational access measures;
- Environmental and landscape considerations associated with these elements.

In order to ensure that these design components are sufficiently developed prior to Detailed Design consultation, an adjustment to the consultation schedule is proposed.

3. Programme Refinement

The following refinements to the consultation programme apply:

3.1 February 2026 Consultation Event Detailed Design Exhibition (“Main Event”)

A focused public consultation additional event will take place on:

27th and 28th February 2026 – Silvermines Village

This event will:

- Present emerging options for the off-site substation location;
- Present preliminary proposals for the Visitor Centre;
- Outline public amenity and access proposals;
- Invite community and stakeholder views to inform finalisation of Detailed Design.

This event supplements, and does not replace, the Stage 3 Detailed Design consultation.

3.2 Stage 3 Detailed Design Exhibition

The Stage 3 Detailed Design Exhibition (“Main Event”), originally indicated for February 2026, will now take place in:

September 2026

This adjustment allows for:

- Integration of feedback received during the February 2026 focused consultation;
- Completion of technical and environmental refinement;
- Presentation of a comprehensive Detailed Design response.

4. Regulatory Compliance

This refinement:

- Does not reduce the duration or scope of public participation;
- Does not alter stakeholder categories or engagement methods;
- Does not modify the overall permit granting process under Article 10 of Regulation (EU) 2022/869;
- Remains within the indicative timelines of the pre-application procedure.

The refinement enhances early engagement on emerging design elements and is consistent with:

- Article 9 (Transparency and Public Participation);
- Annex VI (Guidelines for Transparency & Public Participation);
- The Aarhus Convention principles of early and meaningful participation.

5. Publication and Notification

This Addendum will:

- Be submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála (National Competent Authority);

- Be published on the project website;
- Be circulated to registered stakeholders;
- Be referenced in future consultation materials and reports.

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