

Appendix D4

Report on Public Consultation – March / April 2010

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1 INTRODUCTION

Following An Bord Pleanála's invitation to modify the pipeline route, direct engagement with members of the local community was carried out by SEPIL's Community Liaison Officers (CLOs) and by RPS staff. This focused on, but was not exclusive to, the areas of Gleann an Ghad (Glengad), Ros Dumhach (Rosspart) and Poll an tSómais (Pollatomish). The purpose of this engagement, carried out in March and April 2010, was to inform stakeholders of the implications of the letter issued by An Bord Pleanála and to gather feedback in relation to the modified route and associated construction methodology.

This has involved:

- A Community Update Brochure (distributed to approximately 3,500 houses in Iorrais (Erris)) with a feedback form and an invitation to arrange a small group meeting;
- A letter outlining the project status and an invitation to meet with the project team issued to over 600 people in Cill Chomáin (Kilcommon);
- Every attempt was made to have contact with all those living in the immediate vicinity of the pipeline (approximately 1,000m from the mid line in the bay (which was taken as an estimated location of the revised route));
- A series of small group meetings;
- An online feedback form; and
- Project phonenumber.

1.1 TIMELINE

- March 18th 2010 – Community engagement period commences.
 - Letter of notification issued to residents in the Parish of Kilcommon Erris.
 - Update made to project website – www.corribgaspipeline.ie in respect of the engagement period. This outlined the intention to resubmit an application to An Bord Pleanála and requested stakeholders to participate in the series of small group meetings being facilitated by RPS.
 - Members of the local community interested in participating in a small group meeting are asked to contact RPS via phone, email, post.
- March 25th to April 23rd 2010 – SEPIL Community Liaison Officers attempted contact with all residents in the Parish of Kilcommon Erris residing within approximately 1,000m of the mid line of Sruwaddacon Bay (approximately 150):
 - This involved contact by phone or by door-to-door calls to ensure that all residents who wished to engage with the Project Team had an opportunity to do so.

- March 27th / 28th 2010 – Public information brochure issued to approximately 3,500 homes in Iorrais (Erris), County Mayo. Detachable free post feedback form included to enable people to subscribe to the small group meetings.
 - Eight feedback forms were returned.
- April 6th to April 20th 2010 – approximately 40 residents participated in a series of small group meetings:
 - These meetings were facilitated by RPS.
- April 23rd 2010 – Engagement period closes.

2 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FINDINGS

The below table lists the key findings of the community engagement and an indication of where in the EIS this issue is addressed, where applicable.

Issue	Concern/Issue	EIS Chapter
Community		
Proximity	The pipeline should be moved further from housing than the previously approved pipeline and avoid public buildings, road crossings, schools etc as much as possible.	Chapters 3 & 4
Impact of development on communities in Iorras (Erris)	Previous and future impact of the development on people living in close proximity to the proposed development and those living in Iorras (Erris).	Chapters 6 & 17
Benefits of the development in Iorras (Erris)	How will local people living in close proximity to the proposed development and living in Iorras (Erris) benefit from the proposed development?	Chapters 6 & 17
Value of local houses	Will the development impact on the value of houses along the proposed development? Will insurance premiums increase in the area because of the pipe?	Chapter 6 & 11
Landowner Consultation	Were all landowners consulted by SEPIL and RPS?	Chapters 2 & 6
Community consent for the development	100% community consent would be required for the proposed development – and this is the only way that the proposed development will gain acceptance within the local area.	Chapters 2 & 3
Safety		
Risk of injury	Concerns raised in relation to personal safety of the public or workers during protests against the development. Concerns were raised about the building burn distance.	Not addressed in EIS Appendix Q
Operating pressure in the onshore pipeline	Is it normal for gas pipelines to carry high-pressure gas that could cause a greater risk of ruptures and explosions in the pipeline?	Chapters 3 & 4 Appendix Q
Transportation of unprocessed 'raw gas'	Transportation of untreated 'raw gas'. Concern that it is unusual to transport gas in an untreated state on land. Concerns that the transportation of high pressure, 'raw gas', could cause a greater risk of ruptures and explosions in the pipeline.	Chapter 4 Appendix Q
Offshore gas processing	Why will SEPIL not process the gas offshore and avoid developing a terminal and onshore pipeline?	Not addressed in EIS
LVI - location	Concern expressed in relation to the location of the Landfall Valve Installation (LVI). Is there suitable access to the LVI to carry out maintenance works?	Chapter 4
LVI - safety	Concern about the safety of the LVI and the potential for explosions in Gleann an Ghad (Glengad).	Chapter 4 Appendix Q
Pipeline integrity and risk of explosions	Concerns in relation to the possibility of the onshore pipeline exploding. How would the integrity of the pipeline be maintained? Concerns were raised about the strength of the pipe, particularly the welds and its ability to withstand corrosion over time How do the bends in the pipe impact on safety? What happens in the event of an incident on the pipeline when it is underground? How is it maintained? What happens if the umbilical gets severed?	Appendix Q

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Environment		
Designated Conservation Sites	Will the construction and operation of the development impact on designated conservation sites such as the Glenamoy Bog Complex cSAC and Blacksod / Broadhaven Bay pSPA within the area? What measures will be taken to avoid such impacts during construction and operation?	Chapter 5 & Sections B-F
Sand dune and Machair systems in Gleann an Ghad (Glengad)	Concerns in relation to the development of the LVI and potential impact on sand dune and Machair systems in Gleann an Ghad (Glengad), which is priority habitat.	Chapter 12
Permanent impacts to Sruwaddacon Bay	Concerns in relation to the construction of a pipeline in Sruwaddacon Bay and the potential for permanent impacts on its flora and fauna.	Chapter 5 & Sections B-F
Carrowmore Lake water quality	Concern about the potential for the proposed development to impact on the quality of water in Carrowmore Lake.	Chapter 3
Vibration from Tunnelling	Will there be significant impacts from tunnelling due to vibration on fauna or on people? Is there potential for tunnelling vibration to cause landslides? How will it affect the local environment (especially the graveyard and the school)?	Chapter 9 Chapter 12 Chapters 13 & 14 Appendix M1
Impacts on Shellfish	Will there be an impact on naturally occurring shell fish or aquaculture in Sruwaddacon Bay from the development?	Chapter 14
Technical		
Peat stability issues / landslides	Concern in relation to the construction of a pipeline in peat which coupled with the risk of landslides locally, could potentially impact on safety.	Chapters 5 & 15 Appendix M2
Future gas finds	Will the development be used to transport gas outside of that identified in the Corrib Gas Field?	Chapter 17
Tunnelling	How and where will material excavated from tunnelling be disposed of? Issues were raised about the possibility of hitting gas pockets (radon etc) during the tunnelling operation and what impact that might have on the local community. How much water is required for the operation and where will it come from and how will it be brought to the site? Concerns over the impact of possible 24 hour working were raised. There were also concerns about noise, light pollution and traffic on humans, particularly at the construction compounds.	Appendix S4 Not covered in EIS Chapter 5 Appendix M7 Chapters 7, 8, 9 & 12
Location of the pipe	There was concern about not being able to demonstrate exactly where the pipe is located for both the vertical and horizontal alignments.	Chapter 3, 5 and Appendix M1
Surface works in Sruwaddacon Bay	Will there be a need for surface intervention in Sruwaddacon Bay?	Chapter 5
Pipeline Safety	Concern regarding requirements of An Bord Pleanála to modify 2009 proposed pipeline route. Concerns regarding safety of sections of pipeline where modifications were not requested by An Bord Pleanála.	Appendix Q