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**Board Direction**  
**PL11.248238**

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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on June 20<sup>th</sup> 2017.

The Board treated this case under section 48 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, and decided that the planning authority be directed, as follows:

Attach condition number 6, and the reason therefor.

For the following reasons and considerations:-

### **Reasons and Considerations**

It is considered that the terms of the Laois County Council Development Contribution Scheme 2013 – 2017 have been properly applied in respect of the subject development, in that the terms of the scheme require payment in respect of renewable energy installations on the basis of €1,000 per 0.1 MW generated, and the subject development was for a solar farm generating up to 6 MW.

In not accepting the Inspector's recommendation to require that condition number 6 be amended in order to reduce the amount of the financial contribution, the Board noted that the terms of the Laois County Council Development Contribution Scheme relates to the amount of electricity generated by renewable energy installations, rather than the amount of electricity exported to the national grid from those installations.

**Board Member:**

**Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017

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