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Pleanála

Board Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 29th January 2018.

The Board decided to grant permission generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations, and subject to the following conditions.

Appropriate Assessment Screening

The Board carried out a screening exercise in relation to the potential impacts of the proposed development on European sites, and having regard to its nature and scale, to the receiving environment, to the submissions on file generally, and to the Inspector's assessment which is adopted, concluded that the proposed development, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects would not be likely to have a significant effect on any European site.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the provisions of the Clare County Development Plan 2017-2023, including the Clare Wind Energy Strategy and Clare Renewable Energy Strategy, it is considered that subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed temporary meteorological mast would not seriously injure the amenities of the area, would not significantly impact on the environment and would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

1. The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions. Where such conditions require details to be agreed with the planning authority, the developer shall agree such details in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development and the development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. (a) This permission shall apply for a period of five years from the date of this order. The mast structure and related ancillary structures shall then be removed unless, prior to the end of the period, planning permission shall have been granted for their retention for a further period.

(b) The site shall be reinstated on removal of the mast structure and ancillary structures. Details relating to the removal and reinstatement shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority at least one month before the date of expiry of this permission.

Reason: In the interest of clarity having regard to the temporary duration sought.

3. Surface water drainage arrangements for the proposed development shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

4. Details of aeronautical requirements shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Subsequently the developer shall inform the planning authority and the Irish Aviation Authority of the co-ordinates of the 'as constructed' position of the

mast, or at any subsequent time where required by the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of air traffic safety.

5. In the event that the proposed development causes interference with radio / television / aviation transmission, the developer shall install facilities at its own expense to rectify this prior to commissioning the meteorological mast, the details of which shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the Planning Authority.

Reason: To prevent interference with transmission signals in the interest of protecting the amenities of the area.

6. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall lodge with the planning authority a cash deposit, a bond of an insurance company, or such other security as may be acceptable to the planning authority, to the sum of €10,000 (ten thousand euro), to secure the satisfactory reinstatement of the site upon cessation of the project coupled with an agreement empowering the planning authority to apply such security or part thereof to such reinstatement.

Reason: To ensure satisfactory reinstatement of the site.

Board Member

Date: 30th January 2018

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