



An
Bord
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 01/03/2019.

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.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:

- (a) national policy with regard to the development of alternative and indigenous energy sources and the minimisation of emissions from greenhouses gases,
- (b) the provisions of the Wind Energy Development Guidelines – Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in June 2006,
- (c) the policies of the planning authority as set out in the Sligo County Development Plan 2017 - 2023,
- (d) the characteristics of the site and of the general vicinity,
- (e) the nature and scale of the proposed development,
- (f) pattern of existing and permitted development in the area
- (g) the Environmental Impact Assessment Report submitted,

(h) the report of the Inspector.

Environmental Impact Assessment

The Board completed an environmental impact assessment of the proposed development, taking into account:

- The nature, scale and extent of the proposed development;
- The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and associated documentation submitted in support of the planning application;
- The submissions from the Planning Authority and others in the course of the application; and
- The Inspector's report.

The Board considered that the environmental impact assessment report, supported by the documentation submitted by the applicant, adequately considers the proposed development and also adequately identifies and describes the direct, indirect, secondary and cumulative effects of the proposed development on the environment.

The Board agreed with the examination, set out in the Inspector's report, of the information contained in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and associated documentation submitted by the applicant and submissions made in the course of the planning application.

The Board considered and agreed with the Inspector's reasoned conclusions, that the proposed development is not likely to have significant effects on the environment.

The Board completed an environmental impact assessment in relation to the proposed development and concluded that, subject to the implementation of the mitigation measures set out in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report, and subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the effects on the environment of the proposed development, by itself and in combination with other development in the vicinity, would be acceptable. In doing so, the Board adopted the report and conclusions of the Inspector.

Appropriate Assessment

The Board considered the Screening Report for Appropriate Assessment and all the other relevant submissions and carried out both an appropriate assessment screening exercise in relation to the potential effects of the proposed development on designated European Sites. The Board agreed with the screening assessment and conclusion carried out in the Inspector's report that the proposed development, individually and in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on any European site, in view of the sites' conservation objectives, and that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment (and submission of a Natura impact statement) is not therefore required.

Proper Planning and Sustainable Development

It is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would be in accordance with European energy policy, the National Planning Framework and the Sligo County Development Plan 2017 – 2023. It would

- make a positive contribution to Ireland's national strategic policy on renewable energy and its move to a low energy carbon future and
- have an acceptable impact on the environment and on the amenities of the area.

The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance 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. All environmental mitigation measures identified within the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and associated documentation shall be implemented in full.

The applicant is required to employ a qualified archaeologist to monitor all groundworks associated with the development

Should archaeological material be found during the course of monitoring, the developer shall liaise with the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht with regard to any necessary mitigation action and shall facilitate the recording any material found.

Reason: In the interest of clarity and to protect the environment

3. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall submit a Construction Environmental Management Plan for the written agreement of the planning authority which shall generally be in accordance with the draft plan set out at appendix 2.2 of the submitted EIAR. The agreed plan shall include the measures necessary for the carrying out of the development to comply noise limits set out in BS5228 "Noise Control on Construction and Open Sites", and to limit the deposition of dust on the boundary of the site to no more than 350mg/m² per day. Working hours shall be restricted to between 0800 and 2000, unless the prior written consent of

the planning authority has been obtained.

Reason: To protect the environment and the amenities of the area

4. The developer shall pay to the planning authority a financial contribution in respect of public infrastructure and facilities benefiting development in the area of the planning authority that is provided or intended to be provided by or on behalf of that authority in accordance with the terms of the Development Contribution Scheme made which it made under section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The contributions shall be paid prior to the commencement of development or in such phased payments as the relevant planning authority may facilitate and shall be subject to any applicable indexation provisions of the Scheme at the time of payment. Details of the application of the terms of each of the Schemes shall be agreed between the relevant planning authority and the developer or, in default of such agreement, the matter shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála to determine the proper application of the terms of the Scheme.

Reason: standard reason

Board Member

Date: 01/03/2019

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