



An
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Board Direction
BD-005670-20
ABP-305517-19

REQUEST received by An Bord Pleanála on the 5th day of September 2019 from Highfield Solar Limited under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, to alter the terms of the electrical substation and associated 110kV and MV infrastructure required to connect ground-mounted solar PV generation to the electricity transmission and all associated ancillary site development works at Rosspile, Clongeen, Co. Wexford, a strategic infrastructure development the subject of a permission granted under An Bord Pleanála reference number ABP-302731-18.

WHEREAS the Board made a decision to grant permission, subject to conditions, for the above-mentioned development by order dated the 5th day of July 2019,

AND WHEREAS the Board has received a request to alter the terms of the development, the subject of the permission,

AND WHEREAS the proposed alteration is described as follows:

- Alteration of the terms of the development from 25 years to an appropriate period of 35 years,

AND WHEREAS the Board decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, not to invite submissions or observations from the public in relation to whether the proposed alteration would constitute the making of a material alteration to the terms of the development concerned,

AND WHEREAS the Board decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that the proposed alteration would not result in a material alteration to the terms of the development, the subject of the permission,

AND WHEREAS, having considered all of the documents on file and the Inspector's report, the Board considered that the making of the proposed alteration would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment or on any European Site,

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Board hereby alters the above-mentioned decision so that the permitted development shall be altered in accordance with the plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 5th day of September 2019, for the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the proposed alterations requested and the documents on file, and the proposed development as granted under case reference number ABP-302731-18, the Board was satisfied that it would not have considered the relevant planning issues differently to any material extent, or considered that any other planning issues would arise, had the alterations now proposed formed part of case reference number ABP-302731-18 at application stage. Furthermore, the Board was satisfied that the making of the proposed alterations would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment or on any European Site.

Board Member:

Dave Walsh

Date: 29/04/2020