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Pleanála

**Board Direction**  
**BD-007177-20**  
**ABP-306229-19**

At a meeting held on 15/12/2020, the Board considered the report of the Planning Inspector, as well as the documents and submissions on file, in relation to the proposed erection of 21 no. wind turbines (with a combined generating capacity of up to 115MW) at Castlebanny, County Kilkenny.

The Board determined, in accordance with the inspector's reasoning and recommendation, that the proposed development constitutes development that falls within the definition of energy infrastructure in the Seventh Schedule of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), thereby satisfying the requirements set out in Section 37(A)(1) of the Act. The proposed development is also considered to be of strategic importance by reference to the requirements of Section 37A(2)(a), (b) & (c) of the Act. An application for permission for the proposed development must therefore be made directly to An Bord Pleanála.

**Board Member:**

**Date:** 15/12/2020

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Dave Walsh