



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Direction
ABP-306431-20

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 01/05/2020.

The Board decided, as set out in the following Order, that

Board Order as follows:-

WHEREAS a question has arisen as to whether the construction of 220kV Shunt Reactors with associated internal compound and associated equipment within the existing Ballyvouskill 220/110kV electricity substation is or is not development or is or is not exempted development:

AND WHEREAS Eirgrid Plc requested a declaration on this question from Cork County Council and the Council issued a declaration on the 19th day of December 2019 stating that the matter was development and was not exempted development:

AND WHEREAS Eirgrid Plc referred this declaration for review to An Bord Pleanála on the 16th day of January, 2020:

AND WHEREAS An Bord Pleanála, in considering this referral, had regard particularly to:

- (a) Section 2(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended,
- (b) Section 3(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000,
- (c) Section 4(1)(g) and Section (1)(h) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended,
- (d) the planning history of the site,
- (e) the nature and extent of the proposed works.

AND WHEREAS An Bord Pleanála has concluded that:

- (a) the proposed development consists of the carrying out by a statutory undertaker of works for the purpose of altering apparatus within this existing substation (containing buildings and apparatus) and would, therefore, come within the exempted development provisions of section 4(1)(g) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended;

NOW THEREFORE An Bord Pleanála, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 5 (3) (a) of the 2000 Act, hereby decides that the construction of 200kV Shunt Reactors with associated internal compound and associated equipment within the existing Ballyvouskill 220/110kV Electricity Substation is development and is exempted development.

Board Member:

Date: 05/05/2020

Chris McGarry