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**Board Direction**  
**BD-006737-20**  
**ABP-307046-20**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 19/10/2020.

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 the nature and scale of the meteorological mast previously permitted under planning register reference no. 09/270 (PL02.236608), to the location and elevation of the mast as now proposed, to the pattern of development in the area including the windfarm within which the development is located, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the development for which retention permission is sought and the proposed development would not seriously injure the amenities of the area or the amenities of property in the vicinity, would be acceptable in terms of visual impact and would constitute an appropriate form of development at this location within an established windfarm. The development for which retention permission is sought and 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. The permission shall be for a period of 25 years from the date of the commissioning of the wind turbines permitted under planning register reference 09/270 and PL02.236608. The meteorological mast and all ancillary development including foundations, hardstanding and access track, shall then be decommissioned and removed unless, prior to the end of the period, planning permission shall have been granted for their retention for a further period. On full or partial decommissioning of the wind farm or if the wind farm ceases operation for a period of more than one year, the mast and all associated development including its foundation and access track shall be removed within three months of decommissioning.

**Reason:** To ensure satisfactory reinstatement of the site upon cessation of the project.

3. Prior to the commencement of further development on foot of this permission, details of the proposed surface water drainage system shall be agreed in writing with the planning authority.

**Reason:** In the interest of public health, traffic safety and biodiversity.

4. The mast shall be painted in a neutral colour and maintained in good condition.

**Reason:** In the interest of visual amenity.

**Board Member**

**Date:** 19/10/2020

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