



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Direction
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At a meeting held on 19/11/2020, the Board considered the report of the Inspector and the documents and submissions on file generally.

Having regard to the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and to the size, scale and location of the proposed windfarm and related development and to the policy context, it is considered that the proposed development, comprising the development of a 15-turbine windfarm with associated infrastructure and an overall output of 90 MW and associated connection to the electricity grid infrastructure on a site in the townlands of Coole, Monkton, Camagh, Doon, Clonsura, Clonrobert and Carlanstown, County Westmeath, as set out in the plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 17th day of July 2020, 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 37A(1) of the Act. It is also considered to be of strategic importance by reference to the requirements of Section 37A(2)(a) and 37A(2)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

Accordingly, an application for permission for the proposed development must therefore be made directly to An Bord Pleanála under Section 37E of the Act.

Board Member:

Date: 19/11/2020

Dave Walsh