



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Direction
BD-006807-20
ABP-308171-20

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 29/10/2020.

REQUEST received by An Bord Pleanála on the 14th day of September 2020 from Bord na Móna Powergen Ltd., c/o MKO Planning and Environmental Consultants, Tuam Road, Galway under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, to alter the terms of a strategic infrastructure development described as the proposed Cloncreen Wind Farm, comprising of up to 21 wind turbines and all associated works, subject of a permission under An Bord Pleanála reference number 19.PA0047 and alteration reference numbers ABP 303313-18 and ABP 307401-20.

WHEREAS the Board made a decision to grant permission, subject to conditions, for the abovementioned development by order dated the 3rd day of May 2017,

AND WHEREAS the Board decided that alterations to the abovementioned decision, that were requested on the 21st day of December 2018 and the 16th day of June 2020, would not result in material alterations to the terms of the development and so has made the alteration to the development, the subject of permission under An Bord Pleanála Reference Number 19.PA0047,

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

AND WHEREAS the proposed alteration is described as follows:

- (1) Amendment to the design of the 110kV substation,
- (2) Relocation of the temporary construction compound,
- (3) Amendments to internal wind farm layout, and
- (4) Ancillary works to permitted site services including drainage and internal cable network,

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 alterations 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 determines that the abovementioned development shall be altered in accordance with the plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 14th day of September 2020 for the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:

(i) the nature and scale of the wind farm development permitted under An Bord Pleanála Reference Number 19.PA0047 for this site, which includes 21 turbines, a 110kV substation and 2 no. temporary construction compounds,

(ii) the examination of the environmental impact, including in relation to European sites, carried out in the course of that application,

(iii) the alterations made to the above permitted development under An Bord Pleanála reference number ABP 307401-20 for amendments to the design of the 110kV substation, re-location of temporary construction compound, amendments to internal wind farm road layout and ancillary works to permitted site services including drainage and internal cable network,

(iv) the limited nature and scale of the alterations when considered in relation to the overall permitted development,

(v) the absence of any significant new or additional environmental concerns (including in relation to European sites) arising as a result of the proposed alterations, and

(vi) the report of the Board's inspector, which the Board adopted,

it is considered that the proposed alterations would not, therefore, constitute a material alteration. In accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Board hereby makes the said alterations to the terms of the development permitted under An Bord Pleanála Reference Number 19.PA0047.

Board Member:

Date: 29/10/2020

Dave Walsh