



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Direction
BD-009067-21
ABP-308173-20

At a meeting held on 10/09/2021, the Board considered the report of the Inspector and the documents and submissions on file generally in respect of the proposed development consisting of up to 12no. turbines, with a combined power generation of 60MW, on a site in the townlands of Gortyrhilly, Cahernacaha, Derree, Derryfineen and Gortnabinna, County Cork, together with a grid connection which will connect the proposed development to the Ballyvouskill substation.

Having regard 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 12-turbine windfarm with associated infrastructure and an overall output of 60 MW and associated connection to the electricity grid infrastructure, 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 37A(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) and 37A(2)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. 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:

Dave Walsh

Date: 10/09/2021