

Board Direction BD-012234-23 ABP-309259-21

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 18/05/2023

The Board decided that the proposed development comprising the development of a 10 turbine windfarm, 110kV substation and grid connection with associated infrastructure and an overall output of between 60 and 72 MW in the townlands of Coumnagappul, Carrigbrack, Knockavanniamountain, Barricreemountain Upper and Glennaneanemountain, Skeehans and Lagg Co. Waterford, 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 Board also decided that the proposed development is one 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 and the prospective applicant should be notified accordingly.

The following is a list of prescribed/public bodies considered relevant for the purposes of Section 37E (3) (c) of the Act.

- Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (Development Applications Unit)
- Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
- Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment

- Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport
- Waterford County Council
- Irish Water
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- Environmental Protection Agency
- The Heritage Council
- An Taisce
- An Chomhairle Ealaíon
- Fáilte Ireland
- Irish Aviation Authority
- Department of Defense
- Office of Public Works

Further notifications should also be made, where deemed appropriate.

Note: The prospective applicant is advised to submit a standalone document (which may form part of the EIAR) with any future planning application, which outlines the mitigation measures, in the interest of convenience and ease of reference.

Board Member

Date: 19/05/2023

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