

Board Direction BD-009362-21 ABP-309953-21

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 04/11/2021.

The Board decided to refuse permission, generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations.

Reasons and Considerations

The site location for the proposed windfarm, where it is proposed to construct five turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 169 metres, is wholly within an area identified by the Department of Defence as a critical low-level route in support of Air Corps operational requirements. The windfarm site is located beneath airspace El-R16 which is used primarily for departure and arrival procedures for aircraft (both civilian and military) operating under Instrument Flight Rules, and within Military Operation Area 4 airspace wherein it is stated by the Department of Defence that this airspace is used for pilot training where aircraft will not be complying with the civil rules of the air. In this regard, the proposed development would endanger or interfere with the safety of aircraft or the safe and efficient navigation thereof, and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member

Date: 04/11/2021