



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Direction
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ABP-311034-21

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

REQUEST received by An Bord Pleanála on the 4th day of August 2021 from Ecopower Developments Limited 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 110kV electrical substation, underground 110kV cabling and ancillary works to connect the already consented Upperchurch windfarm substation to the existing 110kV overhead line at Mountphilips, County Tipperary, the subject of an approval under An Bord Pleanála reference number ABP-306204-19,

WHEREAS the Board made a decision to approve, subject to conditions, the above-mentioned development by order dated the 8th day of February 2021,

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

AND WHEREAS the proposed alteration is described as follows:

- change of location and interior layout and removal of windows from substation control building within compound;
- re-arrangement of outdoor electrical equipment and apparatus within compound; and

- re-arrangement of cabling connecting into and out of compound to suit the new control building and equipment/ apparatus layout.

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 alteration would not result in a material alteration to the terms of the development, the subject of the approval,

AND WHEREAS, having considered all 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 alters the abovementioned decision so that the approved development shall be altered in accordance with the plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 4th day of August 2021, based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:

- (i) the nature and scale of the substation and associated development approved by An Bord Pleanála under Reference Number ABP-306204-19 for this site,
- (ii) the examination of the environmental impact, including in relation to European Sites, carried out in the course of that application,

(iii) the limited nature and scale of the proposed alteration when considered in relation to the overall approved development,

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

(v) the report of the Board's Inspector, which is adopted,

it is considered that the proposed alteration would not be material. In accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Board hereby makes the said alteration.

Board Member



Dave Walsh

Date: 11/11/2021

