

An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Direction
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The submissions on file and the inspector's report were considered at a Board Meeting held on 12/6/2025.

The Board determined that the prospective applicant should be notified that the consultation process is closed. Based on the foregoing assessment, the Board concluded that the proposed development would exceed the threshold set out in the Seventh Schedule of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and therefore satisfies Section 37A(1) of the Act. It can also be concluded that the development is of strategic importance and meets the requirements of Section 37A(2)(a), and Section 37A(2)(b) of the Act.

The prospective applicant should be notified, pursuant to Section 37(B)(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that the Board is of the opinion that the proposed development constitutes a strategic infrastructure development within the meaning of Section 37A of the Act for the reasons and considerations set out below.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regard to the nature and scale of the proposed development and to the national and regional policy context, it is considered that the proposed wind farm with 13 turbines and ancillary equipment including a 110kV substation 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.

An application for permission for the proposed development must therefore be made directly to An Bord Pleanála under Section 37E of the Act.

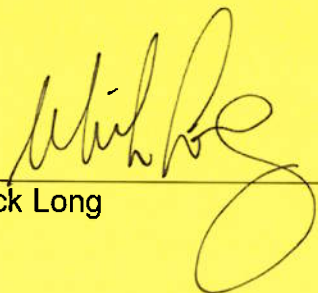
The Board determined that the prospective applicant should also be notified that the pre-application consultation process is closed.

The applicant shall be advised that the application documentation should be forwarded to the following the prescribed bodies which are considered relevant in this instance

- Minister of Housing Local Government and Heritage
- Minister of Climate Energy and the Environment
- Minister for Agriculture Food and the Marine
- Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media
- Minister for Transport
- Mayo City Council
- NorthWest Regional Assembly
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- National Transport Authority
- Fáilte Ireland
- The Heritage Council
- National Parks and Wildlife
- An Taisce
- Uisce Éireann
- Inland Fisheries
- Waterways Ireland
- EPA
- HSE
- Health and Safety Authority

- The Commission for Regulation of Utilities
- ☐ Office of Public Works
- ESB
- EirGrid

Board Member


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Date: 12/06/2025

