

Board Direction BD-010620-22 ABP-312674-22

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 04/05/2022.

The Board decided to treat this case under section 139 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The Board also decided, based on the reasons and considerations set out below, that the planning authority be directed, as follows:

- Remove condition numbers 15 and 17, and
- Amend condition numbers 2, 7 and 8 as follows:

Condition 2

This planning permission is for 10 years only and the development shall be completed within 10 years of the grant of permission unless otherwise granted by an extension of duration under Section 42 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

Reason: In the interests of clarity.

Condition 7

The structures shall be removed at the expiration of a period of 35 years from the date of commissioning of the development, unless planning permission for a further period has been granted.

Reason: To enable the planning authority to review the operation of the solar farm having regard to the circumstances then prevailing.

Condition 8

No additional external artificial lighting shall be installed or operated during the operation of the site.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to national and local policies in relation to renewable energy, the scale, extent and layout of the proposed development and the pattern of development in the area, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the amended conditions set out below, the proposed development would be in accordance with national and local policy, would not seriously injure the visual or residential amenities of the area, would be acceptable in terms of landscape impacts and in terms of traffic safety and public health. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member: Date: 04/05/2022

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