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**Board Direction**  
**BD-010640-22**  
**ABP-312876-22**

The submissions on this file were considered at a Board meeting held on 06/05/2022.

**REQUEST** received by An Bord Pleanála on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022 from Green Wind Energy (Wexford) Ltd., c/o AOS Planning, 1st Floor, 24-26 Ormond Quay Upper, Dublin 7, D07 DAV9, under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), to alter the terms of a strategic infrastructure development described as the Yellow River Wind Farm, comprising 29 turbines and all associated works, permitted under An Bord Pleanála Register Reference Number 19.PA0032.

**WHEREAS** the Board made a decision to grant permission, subject to conditions, for the abovementioned development by order dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2014,

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

**AND WHEREAS** the proposed alteration is described as follows:

Identify specific turbine rotor diameter and hub height dimensions, while remaining within the previously permitted maximum tip height of between 156 and up to 166 metres,

**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 permission,

**AND WHEREAS**, having considered all of 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 permitted development shall be altered in accordance with the plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022, for the reasons and considerations set out below.

### **Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to:

- (i) the nature and scale of the wind farm development permitted under An Bord Pleanála Register Reference Number 19.PA0032 for this site, which permitted 29 turbines with an overall tip height of between 156 and 166 metres,
- (ii) the examination of the environmental impact, including in relation to European designated sites, carried out in the course of that application,



(iii) the nature and scale of the previous s146B alteration permitted for this site under An Bord Pleanála Reference Number ABP-307357-20,

(iv) the limited nature and scale of the alteration, when considered in relation to the overall permitted tip height of height of between 156 and 166 metres,

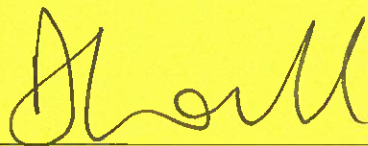
(v) the absence of any significant new or additional environmental concerns (including in relation to European designated sites) arising as a result of the proposed alterations,

(vi) the absence of any requirement for additional conditions as a result of the proposed alteration, and

(vii) the report of the Board's inspector, which is adopted,

it is considered that the proposed alterations 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 alterations.

Board Member:



Date: 06/05/2022

Dave Walsh

