

**An
Bord
Pleanála**

**Board Direction
BD-012097-23
ABP-313778-22**

At a meeting held on the 8th May 2023, the Board having regard to the size, scale and location of the proposed windfarm and related development, and to the policy context, considered that the proposed development comprising the development of an 11 turbine windfarm with associated infrastructure and an overall output of c.79.2 MW at Cush, Galros West, Galros East, Boolinarig Big, Ballycolin and Eglis, Co. Offaly, 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.

The proposed development is also considered to be of strategic importance by reference to the requirements of Section 37A(2)(a) and 37A(2)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. 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 agreed with the list of Prescribed Bodies, as recommended by the Inspector, to whom the application documents should be forwarded for their consultation and consideration for the purposes of Section 37E (3) (c) of the Act:

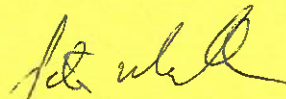
- Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DAU)
- Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
- Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment
- Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport
- Offaly County Council
- Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly
- Irish Water

- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- Environmental Protection Agency
- The Heritage Council
- An Taisce
- An Chomhairle Ealaíon
- Fáilte Ireland
- Irish Aviation Authority
- Office of Public Works

Note 1: The prospective applicant is advised to submit a standalone document (which may form part of the EIAR) with the planning application, which outlines all proposed mitigation measures, in the interest of convenience and ease of reference.

Note 2: The prospective applicant is advised to submit sufficient drawings and details, including turbine dimensions, to fully describe the nature and extent of the proposed development and to allow its potential impacts to be adequately assessed.

Board Member



Peter Mullan

Date: 08/05/2023