



An  
Bord  
Pleanála

**Board Direction**  
**BD-013392-23**  
**ABP-314271-22**

The submissions on file and the inspector's report were considered at a Board Meeting held on the 23/08/2023.

The Board decided having regard to the size, scale and location of the proposed windfarm and related development, and to the policy context, it is considered that the proposed development 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), Section 37A(2)(b) and Section 37A(2)(c) 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 Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

The Board recommended the application documents should be forwarded the list of Prescribed Bodies below for their consultation and consideration for the purposes of Section 37E (3) (c) of the Act:

- Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.
- Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications.
- Westmeath County Council
- Meath County Council.

- Midlands and East Regional Assembly.
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland.
- An Taisce
- An Chomhairle Ealaíon
- Fáilte Ireland
- The Heritage Council
- National Parks & Wildlife Service (Development Applications Unit).
- Inland Fisheries Ireland.
- Irish Water.
- Irish Aviation Authority.
- Health Service Executive.
- Commission for Regulation of Utilities.
- Office of Public Works.

Further notifications should also be made, where deemed appropriate.

**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**



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Peter Mullan

**Date:** 23/08/2023