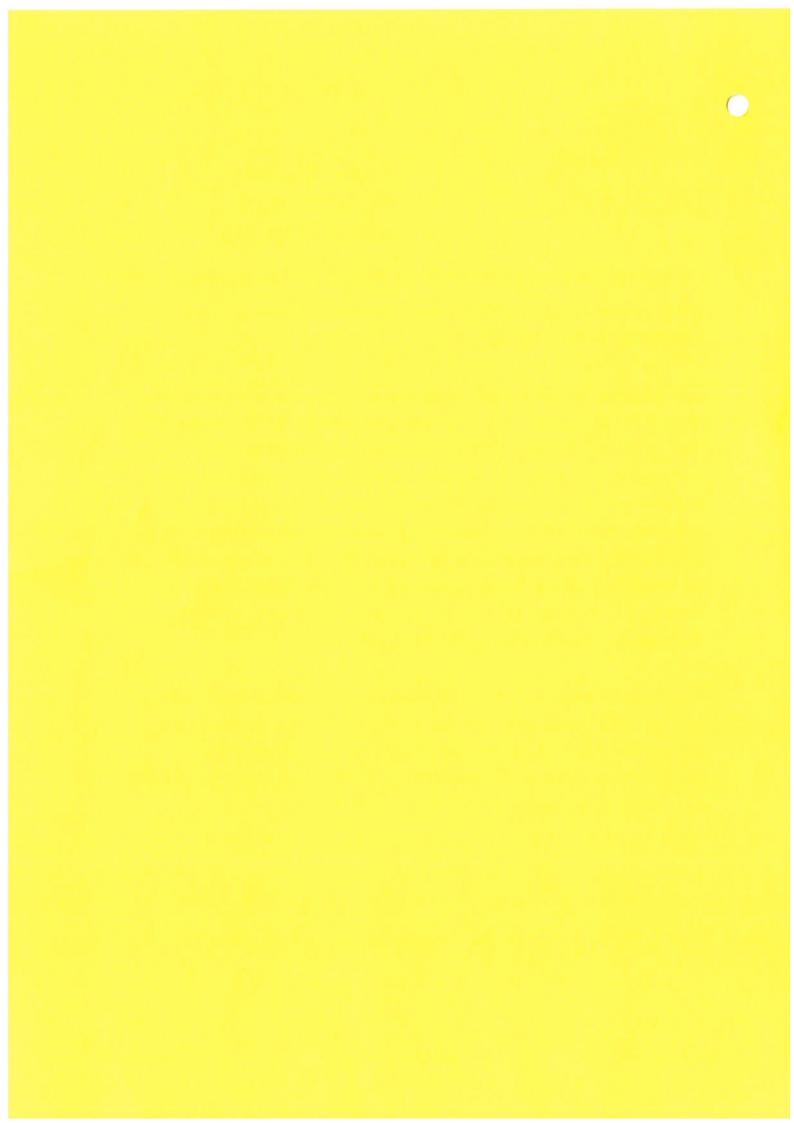


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The submissions on file and the inspector's report were considered at a Board Meeting held on the 15/04/2024.

The Board decided having regard to the size, scale and location of the proposed development consisting of 11 no. turbines with a tip height of 169 metres, a 110kV onsite substation including control buildings, underground electrical and communications cabling, 2 no. overhead line single circuit strain towers, drainage and sediment controls, temporary site compounds, tree felling, and associated works and having regard to the anticipated energy output of the proposed wind farm it is considered that the proposed development constitutes development that falls within the relevant definition of energy infrastructure in the Seventh Schedule of the Planning & 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 sections 37A(2)(a) and (b) of the Planning & 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 Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media
- Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
- Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications
- Minister for Rural and Community Development
- Kildare County Council
- Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly
- EirGrid
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- Uisce Eireann
- Irish Aviation Authority
- Commission for Regulation of Utilities

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- An Taisce
- An Chomhairle Ealaoin
- Fáilte Ireland
- The Heritage Council
- Office of Public Works

**Board Member** 

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Date: 19/04/2024

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