

Board Direction BD-013216-23 ABP-314798-22

The submissions on file and the inspector's report were considered at a Board Meeting held on the 11/08/2023.

The Board decided having regard to the size, scale and location of the proposed windfarm and related development, it is considered that the proposed development comprising the repowering of the existing wind Kilgarvan Wind Farm to include the replacement of the existing turbines with an 11-turbine windfarm turbine, the provision of a meteorological mast, upgrading of the existing Coomagearlahy 110 kV substation, access road upgrades and other works in the townlands of Inchincoosh, Inchee, Lettercannon, Coomacullen and Cloonkeen, Co. Kerry and Inchamore, Co. Cork constitutes development that falls within the definition of energy infrastructure in the Seventh Schedule of the Planning and Development Act, as amended, thereby satisfying the requirements set out in section 37A(1) of the Act.

The development is also considered to be of strategic importance by reference to the requirements of section 37A(a), section 37A(2)(b) and section 37A(2)(c).

An application for permission for the proposed development must therefore be made directly to An Bord Pleanála under section 37A of the Act.

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 the Environment, Climate Action and Communications.

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Commission for Regulation of Utilities

Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media

An Taisce

An Chomhairle Ealaion

Fáilte Ireland

Heritage Council

Inland Fisheries Ireland

Transport Infrastructure Ireland

Irish Aviation Authority

Irish Water

Health Service Executive

Southern Regional Assembly

Kerry County Council.

Cork County Council

Further notifications should also be made where deemed appropriate.

Board Member Peter Wall

Date: 11/08/2023