

## **Board Direction BD-013246-23 ABP-314836-22**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at Board meetings held on 23/01/2023 and 11/08/2023.

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard.

## **REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS**

Having regard to:

- (i) the nature and scale of the underground grid connection approved by An Bord Pleanála under Reference Number ABP-306204-19 for this site,
- (ii) the examination of the environmental impact, including in relation to European Sites, carried out in the course of that application,
- (iii) the nature and character of the proposed alteration when considered in relation to the overall approved development,
- (iv) the mitigation measures and precautions for the proposed construction works to take place along the public road within the Hen Harrier breeding season,
- (v) the absence of any other significant new or additional environmental concerns (including in relation to European Sites) arising as a result of the proposed alteration, and
- (vi) the report of the Board's Inspector, which is adopted,

It is considered that the proposed alteration would be material but would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment or on any European Site. In accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning & Development Act, as amended, the Board hereby makes the said alteration.

Board Member

Chris McGarry

Date: 15/08/2023