

## Board Direction BD-011994-23 ABP-314870-22

The Board considered the case file at a meeting held on 03/04/2023.

**REQUEST** received by An Bord Pleanála on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 2002 from Tullabeg Solar Farm Limited care of IMP Planning, 75 Fitzwilliam Lane, Dublin 2 under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, to alter the terms of a strategic infrastructure development described as 110kV 4-bay C-type electricity substation and associated works, subject of a permission under An Bord Pleanala Reference Number ABP 305803-19.

**WHEREAS** the Board made a decision to grant the proposed development, subject to conditions, for the above-mentioned development by order dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2020.

AND WHEREAS the proposed alteration is described as follows:

Increase in the length of the Independent Power Producer (IPP) control room by 3 metres from 11.010 metres, as approved, to 14.010 metres.

AND WHEREAS the Board decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, not to invite submissions or observations from the public in relation to whether the proposed alteration would constitute the making of a material alteration to the terms of the development concerned,

AND WHEREAS the Board decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that the proposed alterations would not result in a material alteration to the terms of the development, the subject of the approval,

AND WHEREAS having considered all of the documents on file and the Inspector's report, the Board considered that the making of the proposed alteration would not b likely to have significant effects on the environment or on any European Site,

**NOW THEREFORE** in accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Board hereby alters the abovementioned decision so that the approved development shall be altered in accordance with the plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanala on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022, for the reasons and considerations set out below.

## REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

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.

## Having regard to:

- the nature and scale of the 110kV 4-bay C-type electricity substation
  development permitted under An Bord Pleanala Reference Number ABP
  305803-19 for this site, which includes two control buildings, 110kV
  underground grid connection comprising loop-in infrastructure to tie into the
  existing 110kV overhead power line, access track and associated works,
- the limited nature and scale of the alterations when considered in relation to the overall permitted development,
- the absence of any significant new or additional environmental concerns arising as a result of the proposed alterations, and
- · the report of the Board's inspector, which is adopted,

It is considered that the proposed alterations would not be material. In accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning & Development Act, as amended, the Board hereby makes the said alterations.

**Board Member** 

Mick Lang - Date: 03/04/2023

