

An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Direction
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At a meeting held on 26 September 2023, the Board considered the report of the Inspector, and the documents and submissions on file generally in respect of the proposed windfarm development of approximately 10 turbines, 110kV substation, grid connection and site infrastructure within the townlands of Oatfield, Crag, Cloontra West, Derryvinnaan, Cloontra, Cloonsheerea, Mountrice, Cloghera, Drumsillagh (Merritt), Drumsillagh (Parker), Kyle and Gortacullin, in Co. Clare.

The Board decided that the proposed development as set out in the plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on 1st December 2022 falls within the class of development as set out in the Seventh Schedule of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended. The proposed development is also considered to be of strategic importance by reference to sections 37A(2)(a) and (b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Therefore, it is concluded that the proposed development constitutes strategic infrastructure development.

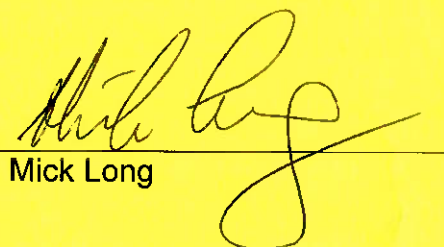
Any application for permission for the proposed development must, therefore, be made directly to An Bord Pleanála under section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

The Board agreed with the list of Prescribed Bodies, as recommended by the Inspector, to whom the application documents should be forwarded for their consultation and consideration for the purposes of section 37E(3)(c) of the Act as follows:

- Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media (Development Applications Unit).
- Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.
- Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications.
- Clare Co Council
- Limerick o Council
- Southern Regional Assembly.
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland.
- An Taisce
- An Chomhairle Ealaíon
- Fáilte Ireland
- The Heritage Council
- National Parks & Wildlife Service.
- Inland Fisheries Ireland.
- Irish Water.
- Irish Aviation Authority (Shannon Airport).
- Health Service Executive.
- Commission for Regulation of Utilities.
- Office of Public Works.

Further notifications should also be made, where deemed appropriate.

Board Member


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Date: 09/10/2023