



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Direction
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ABP-315857-23

At a meeting held on 30/05/23, the Board considered the report of the Inspector, and the documents and submissions on file in relation to a request from that the Board exercise its power under section 146B of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended), to alter the terms of an approval made under section 182B to construct a 110kV 4-Bay C-Type electricity substation and associated loop-in infrastructure.

The Board decided to make an order altering the terms of the approval for a 110kV 4-Bay C-type electricity substation and associated loop-in infrastructure to tie into the existing 110kV transmission line, and associated works, made under section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000, as amended in the manner and for the reasons set out below.

REQUESTS received by An Bord Pleanála on the 15th day of February 2023 from Tullamore Solar Farm Ltd. under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, in respect of a strategic infrastructure development described as a 110kV 4-Bay C-type electricity substation and associated loop-in infrastructure to tie into the existing 110kV transmission line, and associated works.

PROPOSED ALTERATIONS:

Alterations to the approved development of a 110kV 4-Bay C-Type electricity substation and associated loop-in infrastructure to the existing 110kV transmission line, comprising the visual representation of the 4th Bay of the substation planning drawings.

WHEREAS the Board made a decision to grant approval, subject to conditions, for the above-mentioned development by order dated the 30th day of March 2020.

AND WHEREAS the Board has received a request to alter the terms of the development, the subject of the approval,

AND WHEREAS the Board considered 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 regard to the limited extent of the changes proposed, the Board decided not to invite submissions or observations in relation to the matter,

NOW THEREFORE in accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Board hereby alters the above-mentioned decision so that the permitted development shall be altered in accordance with the plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 15th day of February 2023.

MATTERS CONSIDERED

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 the terms of the development approved under section 182B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, under An Bord Pleanála reference number ABP- 305106-19 on the 30th day of March 2020 and to the nature and limited scale of the changes now proposed, it is considered that the proposed alterations, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have any significant effect on the environment, or on any European site having regard to their conservation objectives, or on the proper planning and sustainable development of the area that had not been considered prior to the granting of the said approval for the development. The proposed

alterations, therefore, would not constitute a material alteration of the terms of the development concerned.

The Board consider that given the minor nature of the proposed alterations and given that the original planning application had included an EIA Screening Report which had considered the inclusion of the 4th Bay, that an EIAR was not required.

In accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, as amended, the Board hereby makes the said alterations

Board Member



Date: 01/06/2023

Peter Mullan

