



An  
Bord  
Pleanála

**Board Direction**  
**BD-015308-24**  
**ABP-317307-23**

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The submissions on file and the inspector's report were considered at a Board Meeting held on the 12/10/2023.

The Board decided having regard to the size, scale and location of the proposed development comprising the development of a 11-turbine windfarm with an overall output of over 50 MW with associated infrastructure, on a site in the townlands of Beagh More, Cloonbar, Cloonnaglasha, Corillaun, Derrymore, Shancloon, Toberroe and Tonacooleen, in Co. Galway constitutes development that falls within the definition of energy infrastructure in the Seventh Schedule of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, thereby satisfying the requirements set out in Section 37A(1) of the Act.

The proposed development is also considered to be of strategic importance by reference to the requirements of Section 37A(2)(a), 37A(2)(b), and 37A(2)(c) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. An application for permission for the proposed development must therefore be made directly to An Bord Pleanála under Section 37E 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 Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media
- Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
- Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications
- Galway County Council

- Mayo County Council
- The Northern and Western Regional Assembly
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- An Taisce
- Fáilte Ireland
- Heritage Council
- National Parks and Wildlife Service
- An Chomhairle Ealaíon
- Commission for Regulation of Utilities
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- Uisce Eireann
- Irish Aviation Authority
- Health Service Executive
- Office of Public Works

Further notifications should also be made, where deemed appropriate

**Board Member**



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Peter Mullan

**Date:** 01/02/2024