

Direction CD-020697-25 ABP-317616-23

The submissions on file and the inspector's report were considered at a Commission Meeting held on 16/09/2025.

The prospective applicant should be notified, pursuant to Section 37(B)(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that the Board is of the opinion that the proposed development constitutes a strategic infrastructure development within the meaning of Section 37A of the Act for the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the size, scale and location of the proposed windfarm and related development, and to the policy context, it is considered that the proposed development as described above, 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 Sections 37A(2)(a), (b) and (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 Coimisiún Pleanála under Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

Appendix A: Prescribed Bodies

The following is a list of prescribed bodies considered relevant by the Commission:

- Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DAU)
- Minister for Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media
- Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
- Minister for the Climate, Energy and the Environment
- Minister for Transport
- Clare County Council
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- Irish Aviation Authority
- An Taisce
- Fáilte Ireland
- The Heritage Council
- An Chomhairle Ealaíon
- Fáilte Ireland
- Uisce Eireann
- Commission for Regulation of Utilities, Water and Energy
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- Office of Public Works
- GSI
- HSE
- Limerick County Council
- Kerry County Council
- Southern Regional Assembly

Further notifications should also be made, where deemed appropriate.

Note: The prospective applicant should be advised to submit a standalone document (which may form part of the EIAR) with the planning application, which outlines the mitigation measures, in the interest of convenience and ease of reference.

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Commissioner:

Chris McGarry

Date: 16/09/2025

