

An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Direction
BD-018023-24
ABP-318258-23

The submissions on this file and the inspector's reports were considered at Board meetings held on 10/01/2024, 04/06/2024, 07/06/2024 and 30/10/2024.

The Board decided as follows, generally in accordance with the recommendation of the Inspector.

WHEREAS the Board made a decision to approve the proposed development, subject to conditions, for the above-mentioned development by Order dated the 19th day of May, 2022,

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

AND WHEREAS the proposed alteration is described as follows:

Realignment of permitted internal road and construction of new entrance.

AND WHEREAS the Board decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, 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 considered the submissions received,

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 be 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 Pleanála on the 13th day of October, 2023, for the reasons and considerations set out below.

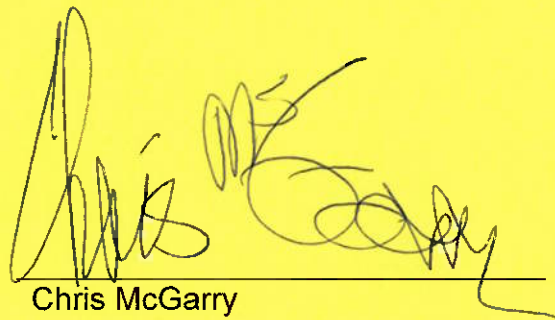
REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regard to:

- the nature and scale of the Celtic Interconnector Project and specifically the substation element works at Knockraha permitted under An Bord Pleanála Reference Number ABP 310798-21 for this site, which includes 400kV and 220kV Air Insulated Switchgear (AIS) equipment, 400/220kV transformer, lightning protection poles (max height of 20m), a small relay room, 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, and
- the submissions received in relation to the proposed amendments.

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



Chris McGarry

Date: 30/10/2024