

An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Direction
BD-017549-24
ABP-318773-23

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 18/09/2024.

The Board decided as follows:

WHEREAS the Board made a decision to approve, subject to conditions, ABP Reference Number – 310171-21, by order dated the 12th May 2022,

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

AND WHEREAS the proposed alteration is described as follows:

Alteration of the dimensions of the authorised turbines to an overall height of 158m, with hub height of 90m and rotor diameter of 136m, resulting in the rotor blade increasing by 9.5m and the hub height decreasing by 3.5m; micro-siting of 5 no. turbines (4 no. by 10m and 1 No. turbine by 5m); realignment of 4 no. turbine hardstandings; omission of authorised site entrance no. 9 in Knockmaroe townland and omissions of 700m of authorised windfarm roadway; felling of an additional 4.51 hectares of forestry at 12 locations; and the removal of 667m of hedgerow across 10 locations.

AND WHEREAS the Board decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that the proposed alteration would result in a material alteration to the terms of the development, the subject of the approval,

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 WHEREAS having considered all the documents on file, submissions 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 21st day of December 2023 for the reasons and considerations set out below.

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

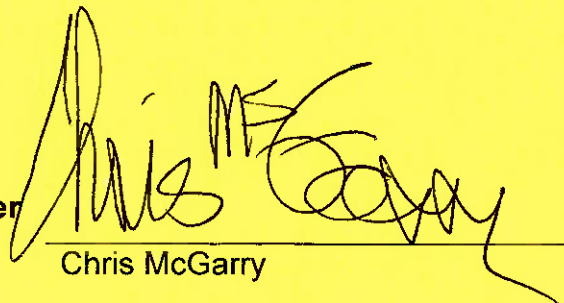
Having regard to:

- (i) the nature and scale of the amendments to the windfarm approved by An Bord Pleanála under Reference Number ABP-310171-21 for this site,
- (ii) the examination of the environmental impact, including in relation to European Sites, carried out in the course of that application,
- (iii) the nature and character of the proposed alteration when considered in relation to the overall approved development,
- (iv) the mitigation measures and precautions for the proposed construction works and operational phase,

- (v) the absence of any other significant new or additional environmental concerns (including in relation to European Sites) arising as a result of the proposed alteration, and
- (vi) the report of the Board's Inspector, which is adopted,

It is considered that the proposed alteration would be material but would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment or on any European Site. In accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning & Development Act, as amended, the Board hereby makes the said alteration.

Board Member



Chris McGarry

Date: 23/09/2024