

An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 02/01/2025.

The Board decided to grant permission generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations, and subject to the following conditions.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the location of the proposed development within an area designated as 'open to consideration' for wind farm development under Volume 6 of the Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029, and the purpose of the meteorological mast to measure local climate conditions, the siting and design of the development together with its temporary nature, and to the minor scale of construction works associated with the development, it is considered that subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the visual amenities of the area would not seriously injure the residential amenities of property in the vicinity, would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience, would not result in an adverse impact on biodiversity and would not be prejudicial to public health. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

1. The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions. Where such conditions require details to be agreed with the planning authority, the developer shall agree such details in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development and the development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. This permission shall apply for a period of two years from the date of this Order. The meteorological mast and ancillary structures shall then be removed unless, prior to the end of the period, planning permission shall have been granted for their retention for a further period.

Reason: To enable the impact of the development to be reassessed, having regard to changes in technology and design during the specified period.

3. (a) The site shall be reinstated on removal of the meteorological mast and ancillary structures. Details relating to the removal and reinstatement shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to the commencement of development.
(b) In the event of the meteorological mast becoming obsolete and being decommissioned, the developers shall at their own expense, remove the structure and restore the site to its original condition.

Reason: In the interest of orderly development.

4. (a) A fixed red obstacle light shall be fitted as close to the top of the mast as practicable and shall be visible from all angles in azimuth. Details of this light, its location and period of operation shall be submitted to, and agreed

in writing with, the planning authority and the Irish Aviation Authority prior to commencement of development.

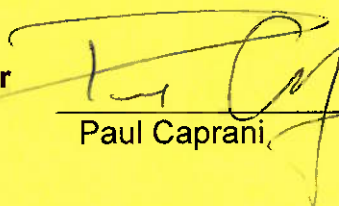
- (b) The developer shall contact the Irish Aviation Authority of the intention to commence crane operations with at least 30 days prior notification of the erection of the mast and to provide as constructed coordinates in WGS-84 format, together with ground and tip height elevations to the Authority.

Reason: In the interest of public safety.

5. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall lodge with the planning authority a cash deposit, a bond of an insurance company, or such other security as may be acceptable to the planning authority, to secure the satisfactory reinstatement of the site upon cessation of the project, coupled with an agreement empowering the planning authority to apply such security or part thereof to such reinstatement, including all necessary demolition and removal. The form and amount of the security shall be agreed between the planning authority and the developer, or in default of agreement, shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

Reason: To ensure the satisfactory reinstatement of the site.

Board Member


Paul Caprani

Date: 02/01/2025