

## **Board Direction BD-018825-25 ABP-319139-24**

The submissions on file and the inspector's report were considered at a Board Meeting held on the 05/02/2025.

The Board decided having regard to the size, scale and location of the proposed development comprising the development, and to the policy context, it is considered that the proposed development comprising the development of a 9 No. turbine wind farm with an overall output of over 50MW with associated infrastructure on site in the townlands of Garrane, Ballynagoul, Creggane and Charleville, Co. Limerick, 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 (Development Applications Unit)
- Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications
- Limerick City and County Council
- Cork County Council
- Southern Regional Assembly

- Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- An Chomhairle Ealaíon
- The Heritage Council
- Fáilte Ireland
- An Taisce
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- Waterways Ireland
- Office of Public Works
- Uisce Éireann (Irish Water)
- Health Service Executive
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Irish Aviation Authority
- ESB
- EirGrid
- Commission for Regulation of Utilities

Further notifications should also be made, where deemed appropriate.

Date: 05/02/2025

**Board Member** 

Peter Mullan

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