

An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Direction ABP-319370-24

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 26/05/2025.

The Board decided, as set out in the following Order, that

WHEREAS a question has arisen as to whether the development of a 20kV underground grid connection to connect the permitted Keiloge Solar farm to the existing 38 kV Kilcarragh substation at townlands of Keiloge and Monamintra, County Waterford is or is not development or is or is not exempted development:

AND WHEREAS Keiloge Solar Limited care of MKO of 9C Beckett Way, Park West Business Park, Dublin requested a declaration on this question from Waterford City and County Council and the Council issued a declaration on the 22nd day of February, 2024 stating that the matter was development and was not exempted development:

AND WHEREAS the said Keiloge Solar Limited care of MKO of 9C Beckett Way, Park West Business Park, Dublin referred this declaration for review to An Bord Pleanála, on the 20th day of March, 2024:

AND WHEREAS An Bord Pleanála, in considering this referral, had regard particularly to

- (a) Section 2(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended,
- (b) Section 3(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended,
- (c) Article 6(1) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended,

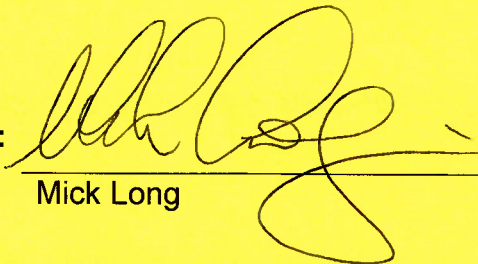
- (d) Class 26 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, and
- (e) the planning history of the site:

AND WHEREAS An Bord Pleanála has concluded that:

- (a) the provision of a 20kV underground grid connection to connect the permitted Keiloge Solar Farm to the existing 38 kV Kilcarragh substation constitutes development as defined under Sections 2 and 3 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended,
- (b) the works come within the scope of the exempted development provision provided at Class 26 of Part 1, Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, and
- (c) none of the restrictions on exempted development provided for under Article 9(1)(a) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended apply in this case:

NOW THEREFORE An Bord Pleanála, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 5(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, hereby decides that the development of a 20kV underground grid connection to connect the permitted Keiloge Solar farm to the existing 38 kV Kilcarragh substation at townlands of Keiloge and Monamintra, County Waterford is development and is exempted development.

Board Member:


Mick Long

Date: 28/05/2025