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Pleanála

Board Direction
BD-019259-25
ABP-321381-24

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 24/03/2025.

The Board decided to treat this case under section 139 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. The Board also decided, based on the Reasons and Considerations set out below that the planning authority be directed, as follows:

Amend condition number 2 as follows

2. The subject permission shall expire on the 22nd day of June 2045, 20 years from the expiry date of the parent permission on site (planning register reference number PL04/1315).

Reason: To enable the planning authority to review its operation in the light of the circumstances then prevailing

Reasons and Considerations

The Board performed its functions in relation to the making of its decision, in a manner consistent with Section 15(1) of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Act 2015, as amended by Section 17 of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021, (consistent with the most recent approved, climate action plan, national long term climate action strategy, national adaptation framework and approved sectoral adaptation plans, the furtherance of the national

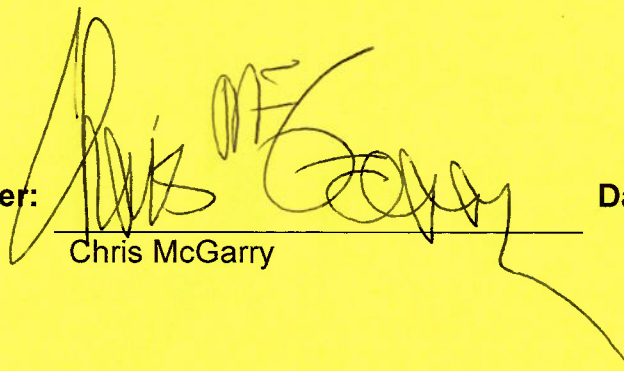
climate objective, and the objective of mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to the effects of climate change in the State);

And in coming to its decision, the Board had regard to:

- (a) the national, regional and local policy which supports developing renewable energy, including:
 - (i) Project Ireland 2040: National Planning Framework (2018),
 - (ii) the National Development Plan 2021-2030 ,
 - (iii) the objectives and targets of the National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023 – 2030,
 - (iv) the National Energy Security Framework (2022),
 - (v) the National Energy & Climate Action Plan 2021-2030
 - (vi) the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Northern & Western Region (2020), and
 - (vii) the Interim Consolidated Version of the Sligo County Development Plan 2024-2030.
- (b) the planning history of the site and the nature, scale and extent of the proposed development,
- (c) the pattern of development within the area and context of the receiving environment,
- (d) measures proposed for the continued operation of the development, and,
- (e) the documentation submitted with the application and the appeal

It is considered that proposed development would not seriously injure the visual or residential amenities of the area or otherwise of property in the vicinity or have an of unacceptable impact on the character of the landscape or on cultural or archaeological heritage, would not have a significant adverse impact on ecology, would make a positive contribution to Ireland's renewable energy and security of energy supply requirements and would be in accordance with the relevant provisions would accord with the relevant policy at a European, national, regional and local level, including the relevant provisions of the statutory development plan for the area. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member:



Chris McGarry

Date: 24/03/2025