

An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Direction
ABP-321471-24

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 18/12/2025.

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

Commission Order as follows:-

WHEREAS by order dated the 12th day of July, 2019 An Coimisiún Pleanála, under appeal reference number ABP-303677-19 granted subject to conditions a permission to Peter Gilooly care of Windconnect Limited of Katallen, Creeny, Belturbet, County Cavan for development comprising minor amendments to the development permitted under Roscommon County Council Planning Register Reference Numbers 11/126 and 18/313 to provide for the relocation of the permitted wind turbines and associated infrastructure (site roads and crane hardstandings); amendments to the turbine dimensions to allow for a maximum overall tip height of up to 150 metres and all associated site development and reinstatement works. The maximum total combined output of the wind turbines will not exceed 4.9 megawatts at Derrane and Roxborough, County Roscommon:

AND WHEREAS condition 4(a) attached to the said permission required details of the wind turbines including blade lengths to be agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development:

AND WHEREAS the developer and the planning authority failed to agree on the above details in compliance with the terms of the said condition and the matter was

referred by the developer to An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 17th day of December 2024 for determination:

NOW THEREFORE An Coimisiún Pleanála, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 34(5) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, and based on the Reasons and Considerations set out below, hereby determines that the Enercon E-138 turbine type comprising a hub height of 80.26 metres, a blade length of 69.125 metres (rotor diameter 138.25m) and an overall tip height of 149.38 metres comes within the terms of the development permitted under appeal reference number ABP-303677-19 and within the scope of condition number 4(a) of the permission.

Reasons and Considerations

The Board had regard to:

- (a) section 34(5) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended;
- (b) The parent permission and amendments (Register PD/11/126, PD/18/313 and ABP303677-19) and the terms and conditions and condition 4(a) of ABP-303677-19 which states that details of the wind turbines, including blade lengths, shall be agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development;
- (c) Details submitted in the referral documentation including correspondence from manufacturer confirming it can supply bespoke version of Enercon E-138 which can be limited to a maximum capacity of 2.45MW,
- (d) Photomontages submitted with the application for permission ABP-303677-19 showing visual impact of turbines with a blade tip height of 150m and confirmation that the blade diameter (138m) was used,

- (e) the description of the development in the planning application, site notice and newspaper notice and grant of permission (ABP303677-19) which stated that the maximum total combined output of the wind turbines would not exceed 4.9 megawatts.

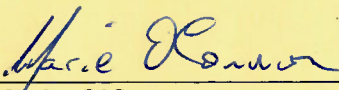
The Commission were satisfied that the Enercon 138 type wind turbine, as indicated on Drawing No. 21-016-101, was similar to that presented and assessed in the planning application photomontages with the same blade tip height, blade length and hub height and considered, notwithstanding the drawing showing bands on the blade and turbine, that this is not of such a substantial nature as to give rise to an increased visual impact which would require an additional visual assessment of the turbines.

The Commission in not agreeing with the inspector in relation to the maximum output considered that the parent planning permission, as amended by ABP-303677-19, was granted on the basis that the application was for two turbines with maximum total combined output not exceeding 4.9 megawatts and were satisfied that the compliance submission does not alter this and that the developer can source a bespoke version of the Enercon E-138 turbine to meet this requirement. The Commission therefore considered that the Enercon E-138 type wind turbine when operated below an output of 4.9MW is in compliance with the terms of the parent permission and as amended by condition number 4(a) of permission ABP-303677-19.

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Commissioner:

Date: 13/01/2026


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