

An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Direction
ABP-321473-24

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 Katalen, 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 Nordex 117 turbine type comprising a hub height of 91.5 metres, a blade length of 58.5 metres and an overall tip height of 150 metres, with the omission of the shaded bands on the blade and tower, does come 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) Drawing submitted to the Commission on 17th December 2024 showing the dimensions and the omission of the shaded band on the blade and tower,
- (d) Photomontages submitted with the application for permission ABP-303677-19 showing visual impact of turbines with a blade tip height of 150m,
- (e) the description of the development in the planning application, site notices and newspaper notices and grant of permission (ABP-303677-19) which stated that

the maximum total combined output of the wind turbines will not exceed 4.9 megawatts.

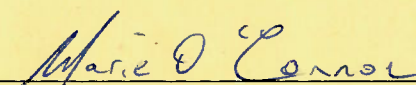
The Commission considered that the Nordex 117 wind turbine type as indicated on Appendix F Drawing of Nordex 117 wind turbine, with the optional shaded bands on blades and tower omitted in the documentation received by the Commission on 17th December 2024, has the same blade tip height (150m), a shorter blade length (58.5m) and a hub height (91.5m), which is marginally higher (2.25m) than the Ventsys 121 which was acceptable to the planning authority, and agreed with the Inspector that the change would not be of a substantial nature to give rise to an increased visual impact.

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 that the compliance submission does not seek to alter this maximum output. The Commission therefore considered that the Nordex 117 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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