



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 14/02/2025.

The Board decided that the making of the proposed alterations would not result in the making of a material alteration to the terms of 318540. The Board decided to make the alterations generally as recommended by the Inspector as indicated hereunder.

REQUEST received by An Bord Pleanála on the 20th day of December 2024 from SSE Generation Ireland Limited under section 146B of the Planning and development Act, 2000, as amended, to alter the terms of a strategic infrastructure development, granted under ABP-318450-23 for a 10 year planning permission for a proposed Open Cycle Gas Turbine (OCGT) power plant fuelled by Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) and associated site works at Tarbert Island, Tarbert, Co. Kerry.

WHEREAS the Board made a decision to grant the proposed development, subject to conditions, for the above-mentioned development by order dated the 4th day of October 2024.

AND WHEREAS the Board has received a request to alter the terms of the development, the subject of the approval,

AND WHEREAS the proposed alterations in respect of the OCGT are described as follows:

- Removal of Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) plant
- Removal of Gas Turbine (GT) building
- Air intake to become external plant component
- Administration/Store Building (30m x 12.5m x 10m high) to replace the approved Stores Building and Administration and Workshop buildings.
- Relocation of Car parking
- Removal of Aqueous ammonia Tank
- Demineralised Water Treatment Plant to be provided within three containerised prefabricated structures (12.2m x 2.44m x 2.9m high).
- Separate fin fan cooler blocks to be combined into a single block.
- Ancillary plant elements to be relocated, amended and/or added as required. Such elements include the power module, emergency generator, firefighting foam tank and a minor re-alignment of flood defence wall.

AND WHEREAS having regard to the issues involved, the Board decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, not to invite submissions or observations from the public in relation to the matter,

AND WHEREAS the Board decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that the proposed alteration would not result in the making of a material alteration to the terms of the development, the subject of the approval,

AND WHEREAS having considered all of the documents on file and the Inspector's report, the Board considered that the making of the proposed alteration would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment or on any European Site,

NOW THEREFORE in accordance with section 146B(3)(b)(ii) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Board hereby alters the above-mentioned decision so that the approved development shall be altered in accordance with the plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 20th day of December 2024 for the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

In coming to its decision, the Board had regard to the following:

- (a) The nature and scale of the proposed alterations,
- (b) The documentation on file, and
- (c) The report of the Inspector.

Having regard to:

- The nature and scale of the development approved under ABP-318540-23 for a proposed Open Cycle Gas Turbine (OCGT) power plant fuelled by Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) and associated site works.
- The examination of the environmental impact, including in relation to Natura 2000 sites, carried out in the course of that application,
- The limited nature and scale of the alterations when considered in relation to the overall scale of the approved OCGT development,
- The location of the proposed alterations, within the footprint of the approved OCGT site.
- The absence of any significant new or additional environmental impacts (including in relation to Natura 2000 sites) arising as a result of the proposed alterations, and
- the report of the Board's inspector, which is adopted,

It is considered that the proposed alterations would not be material. In accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning & Development Act, the Board hereby makes the said alterations.

Board Member



Tom Rabbette

Date: 14/02/2025