

An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Direction
CD-020087-25
ABP-322595-25

The file and the Inspector's report was considered at a Commission Meeting held on the 27/06/2025.

The Commission decided to alter the terms of the SID granted under ABP-19.PA0047 generally as recommended by the Inspector as indicated in the draft Order below and for the Reason and Considerations as set out hereunder. The Commission was satisfied that the alteration sought was not material, the Commission also decided to amend Condition No. 3 as recommended by the Inspector.

Draft Order

REQUEST received by An Bord Pleanála on the 9th day of May 2025 from Bord na Mona 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-19.PA0047 for the development of a windfarm comprising up to 21 number wind turbines and all associated works in the townland of Cloncreen in County Offaly also the subject of previous alterations under reference numbers ABP-303313-18, ABP-307401-20, ABP-308171-20 and ABP-310740-21.

WHEREAS the Board made a decision to grant permission, subject to conditions, for the above-mentioned development by Order dated the 3rd day of May, 2017,

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

AND WHEREAS the proposed alteration is described as follows:

- Amend Condition number 3 of PA19.PA0047 to amend the duration of the operational life of the substation and grid connection to permanent duration,

AND WHEREAS having regard to the issues involved, the Commission 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(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that the proposed alterations 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,

AND WHEREAS the Board decided, to amend Condition 3 so that it shall read as follows:

This permission shall be for a period of 25 years from the date of the first commissioning of the wind farm, save for the 110 kilovolt substation and underground cable connecting to the National Grid.

Reason: *To enable the relevant planning authority to review the operation of the wind farm in the light of the circumstances then prevailing.*

NOW THEREFORE in accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Commission 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 9th day of May 2025, for the reasons and considerations set out below.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

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


- (i) the nature of the proposed alteration,
- (ii) the documentation on file, and
- (iii) the report of the Inspector.

Having regard to:

- the nature and scale of the windfarm development permitted under PA19.PA0047,
- the alteration made to the above permitted development under An Bord Pleanála reference numbers ABP 307401-20 and ABP 308171-20 for amendments to the design of the 110 kilovolt substation, relocation of temporary construction compound, amendments to internal wind farm road layout and ancillary works to permitted site services including drainage and internal cable network
- the examination of the environmental impact, including in relation to European Sites, carried out in the course of that application,
- the limited nature of the alteration when considered in relation to the overall permitted development
- the absence of any new or additional environmental impacts arising as a result of the proposed alteration, and
- the report of the Commission'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 2000, as amended, the Commission hereby makes the said alteration.

**Planning
Commissioner:**



Tom Rabbette

Date: 27/06/2025