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Board Direction

Ref: PL19.PA0047

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 25th April 2017, at which the reporting inspector Pauline Fitzpatrick presented an overview of the case. The Board decided to defer consideration to a further Board meeting.

At a further meeting held on 2nd May 2017, the Board decided unanimously to grant permission generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation. Reasons and Considerations and Conditions generally as per Inspector's recommendation subject to the amendments shown below.

In relation to the concern expressed concerning the project-specific website established by the applicant for the purpose of public information on this SID application, the Board is satisfied that the applicant was following the established procedures for this type of case and that these are satisfactory.

The Board noted the applicant's stated intention to establish a local community gain fund related to the proposed development and was satisfied that this matter need not be the subject of a planning condition.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

As per Inspector's draft subject to manuscript amendments shown on attached copy of Draft Order.

AA Screening Paragraph

The Board completed an Appropriate Assessment Screening exercise in relation to the potential effects of the proposed development on European Sites, taking into account the nature, scale and location of the proposed development, the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report submitted with the application and the Inspector's report and submissions on file. In completing the screening exercise, the Board adopted the report of the Inspector and concluded that, by itself or in combination with other development in the vicinity, the proposed development, including the proposed grid connection options, would not be likely to have a significant effect on any European Site in view of the site's conservation objectives,

with the exception of the River Barrow and River Nore SAC (site code 002162) and that this was the only site requiring a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.

CONDITIONS

As per Inspector's draft subject to manuscript amendments shown on attached copy of Draft Order.

COSTS

In accordance with the provisions of section 37H(2)(c) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Board also determined the costs to be paid in relation to the case, in accordance with the memorandum dated 26th April on the costs file, as follows:

- Refund to applicant: €31,512
- Applicant to reimburse Planning Authority: €7,255

Board Member:

_____ 2nd May 2017
Conall Boland