



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Direction

Ref: 13.PC0224

At a meeting held on 30th November 2016, the Board considered the report of the inspector as well as the documents and submissions on file.

The Board determined that the proposed development is strategic infrastructure development, generally in accordance with the Inspector's reasoning and recommendation.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the nature, scale and location of the proposed port related development it is considered that the proposed extension of jetty facilities and the associated extension to the port estate at Foynes Port, County Limerick constitutes development that falls within the definition of transport infrastructure in the Seventh Schedule of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). Furthermore, the proposed development is considered to satisfy the requirements of Section 37A (2) (a) & (b) of the Act, having regard also to the identified status of the port in National and Regional level policy.

The Board noted the matters identified by the An Bord Pleanála team in the course of the pre-application consultations, as documented in the inspector's report and pre-application meeting records. The Board also identified the following considerations:

- The requirement for a thorough NIS that will address all requirements arising under the EU Habitats Directive.
- The requirement for a thorough EIS, the scope of which should take into account any potential impacts on nearby pNHA lands.
- Consideration of aspects of the development such as disposal of waste or of dredge spoil, or any other significant ancillary elements, should be included in the above documents.
- The desirability of a robust Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan, combining all proposed mitigation measures and monitoring proposals.

In relation to the proposed port extension areas, the following matters are highlighted:

- the flood risk assessment should clearly address the proposed approach to coastal flooding and demonstrate compatibility of future proposed activities in the port expansion area with any flood risk.
- the design of paving/ surfacing and overall approach to sustainable management of surface water should be considered
- the layout proposals should consider compatibility with potential for future rail freight exploitation.
- In relation to visual impact, consideration should be given to inclusion of a coherent *design and landscaping code* that would guide future development of buildings, facilities and landscaping etc. on individual land parcels in a coherent manner.

List of prescribed bodies is considered generally acceptable, with the addition of the National Transport Authority.

Board Member: _____ Date: 30th November 2016
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