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Pleanála

Board Direction

Ref: 05.PC0228

At a meeting held on August 24th 2017, the Board considered the report of the inspector dated 31st July 2017, as well as the documents on file.

The Board determined that the proposed development is strategic infrastructure development, in accordance with the inspector's reasoning and recommendation. The Board was satisfied that the proposed development comes within the scope of the 7th Schedule of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and satisfies the requirements of section 37A(2)(a) and (b).

Note:

1. It is noted that the application will be for a wind farm whose power output will exceed 50MW. The application should clearly state the number and configuration of turbines proposed and the power output envisaged.
2. The Board concurred with the inspector's recommendation that the case is one for which significant effects on the environment of a transboundary state arise (vis-à-vis Northern Ireland), and the case should proceed on this basis.
3. The Board endorsed the 'considerations' raised by the inspector in section 7.1 of her report, and noted that these correspond generally with the matters brought to the attention of the applicant at the meeting held on 18th May 2017 (whereby the 'additional summer season' of monitoring referred to the summer of 2017).
4. Having regard to the provisions of the Circular Letter PL1/2017 the Board intends to carry out its EIA functions in accordance with the provisions of the EIA Directive (2014/52/EU), and the applicant is advised to prepare documentation accordingly.
5. ABP (SIDS section) to check and update the list in Appendix 1 with current Department names including in Northern Ireland and refer also to Donegal County Council.

Board Member: _____ Date: 28th August 2017

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(Please issue Board Direction with letter).