



Board Direction

Ref: RL26.RL.3409

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on June 28th, 2016. The Board considered all four referrals from Wexford County Council, i.e., RL.3408, RL.3409, RL.3410 and RL.3411, at the same meeting.

The Board generally concurred with the Inspector's recommendation and approved of the terms of the Inspector's draft order.

The Board decided that –

the provision of grid connections from the Croy 110kV/Lodgewood 220kV substation to the Ballycadden, Gibbet Hill, Knocknalour and Ballnancoran wind farms is development and is not exempted development.

Note: The Board noted Wexford County Council reference to ABP Referral Ref. No. RL3234 and to the Inspector's comments in respect of same. The Board considered that the primary focus in the latter referral was on the restriction on exemption identified in the Planning Authority's declaration in respect of Article 9(1)(a)(viiB), i.e. Appropriate Assessment, rather than on the substantive issue in question in the current case and also considered that the wording of the relevant condition was different from the current case.

Board Member: _____ Date: June 28th, 2016
Nicholas Mulcahy

Please issue copy of direction with order.