

An Bord Pleanála



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2015

Galway County

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APPEAL by Jarlath McEvoy and others care of Peter Sweetman and Associates of 14 Postnet, 113 Lower Rathmines Road, Dublin against the decision made on the 11th day of April, 2016 by Galway County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Frank Ó' Domhnaill and Richard Bourns care of McCarthy Keville O'Sullivan Limited of Block 1, G.F.S.C., Moneenageisha Road, Galway in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Erect a wind anemometer mast up to 100 metres in height and all associated works. The proposed mast will be used for the purpose of measuring and recording wind speed and wind characteristics for a period of 24 months, all in the townland of Muing, County Galway.

DECISION

GRANT permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the said plans and particulars based on the reasons and considerations under and subject to the conditions set out below.

MATTERS CONSIDERED

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard. Such matters included any submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regard to the nature of the proposed development and to the location of the site within an expansive agricultural landholding on lands of low landscape value rating in the Galway County Wind Energy Strategy, forming part of the Galway County Development Plan 2015-2021, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed wind anemometer would not seriously injure the amenities of the area, including amenities of residential properties in the vicinity, and would be in accordance with proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

CONDITIONS

1. The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions. Where such conditions require details to be agreed with the planning authority, the developer shall agree such details in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development and the development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. (a) This permission shall apply for a period of two years only. The anemometer structure and related ancillary structures shall then be removed unless, prior to the end of the period, planning permission shall have been granted for their retention for a further period.

- (b) The site shall be reinstated on removal of the anemometer structure and ancillary structures. Details relating to the removal and reinstatement shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority at least one month before the date of expiry of this permission.

Reason: In the interest of proper planning and sustainable development.

3. Full details of delivery of the proposed mast to the site shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of traffic safety.

4. In the event that the proposed development causes interference with radio/television/aviation transmission, the developer shall install facilities at their own expense to rectify same, details of which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commissioning of the anemometer.

Reason: To prevent interference with transmission signals in the interest of protecting the amenities of the area.

**Member of An Bord Pleanála
duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.**

Dated this day of 2016.