



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2017

Planning Authority: Wexford County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 20161096

Appeal by Solas Éireann Development Limited care of CD Consulting of 75 Creagh Road, Tempo, County Fermanagh against the decision made on the 25th day of November, 2016 by Wexford County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: Construction of a solar PV farm within a site area of 9.91 hectares at Ballybrennan Little, Killinick, County Wexford. The application is for a 10 year planning permission. The development will consist of a solar farm comprising photovoltaic panels on ground mounted frames, four number single storey MV substations, one number single storey DSO substation, one number single storey customer substation, one number single storey spares building, one number communications pole, boundary security fencing, CCTV, associated electrical cabling and ducting, provision of access tracks, access gates and all associated ancillary development and landscaping works.

Decision

REFUSE permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the reasons and considerations 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

1. The proposed development, is located within the Preferred Route Corridor for the proposed Oilgate to Rosslare Harbour Road Improvement Scheme, which forms part of a Trans European Network linking Rosslare Europort with Dublin-Belfast-Larne (E01) and Waterford-Cork (E30), the protection of which is an objective of the current Wexford County Development Plan, which is in accordance with the Government's Guidelines on Spatial Planning and National Roads (2012). The proposed development would, therefore, be premature pending the determination by the planning authority of a final road layout for the area, would materially contravene Objectives T14 and T15 of the Wexford County Development Plan 2013-2019 and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

2. On the basis of the information provided with the application and appeal, including the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and Amended Screening Report, and in light of the assessment carried out above, the Board is not satisfied that the proposed development, would not have a significant effect, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, on the following European sites, in view of the conservation objectives of these sites:
 - Wexford Harbour and Slobs Special Protection Area (Site Code 004076),
 - Raven Special Protection Area (Site Code 004019),

