



An
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**Board Order
PL 92.248010**

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2017

Planning Authority: Tipperary County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 15/601088

Appeal by Ecopower Developments Limited of Sion Road, Kilkenny against the decision made on the 19th day of January, 2017 by Tipperary County Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: 10-year permission for the erection of two number wind turbines overall height of up to 150 metres, crane hardstands, access roads, electrical cabling, electrical control building, borrow pit, ancillary drainage system and ancillary site works at Glenpaudeen/Moheragh, Hollyford, County Tipperary. The proposed development was revised by further public notices received by the planning authority on the 17th day of November, 2016.

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

It is a policy TWIND 4 (Policy Areas for Wind Energy Development) of the South Tipperary County Development Plan 2009, as varied, to assess proposals for new wind energy development in accordance with the associated Wind Energy Strategy Map and with certain parameters depending on whether such development is located in areas “Open for Consideration” or in areas ‘Unsuitable for New Development’. With respect to areas ‘*Unsuitable for New Development*’ it is stated that “*new wind energy development in these areas will not normally be considered, except as specified in policy TWIND 4.14.*”

The proposed development is located on lands identified as an area unsuitable for new wind energy development within the development plan, and, while it adjoins another wind development, it does not constitute an extension of that development, and it has not been demonstrated that the proposed development would be served by the infrastructure serving that existing development, but would have its own on-site infrastructure, including roadways, cable routes, borrow pit and electrical control building. The proposed development would not, therefore, come within the limited circumstances provided for in policy TWIND 4.14.

Accordingly, it is considered that the proposed development would contravene materially the policies and objectives of the South Tipperary County Development Plan 2009, as varied, specifically Appendix 6, Tipperary Renewable Energy Strategy, Wind Energy Strategy, Policy TWIND 4. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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

Dated this day of 2018