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Board Order

PL 11.248238

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2016

Planning Authority: Laois County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 16/500

Appeal by JBM Solar Developments Limited care of Tom Phillips and Associates of 80 Harcourt Street, Dublin in relation to the application by Laois County Council of the terms of the Development Contribution Scheme made for the area in respect of condition number 6 of its decision made on the 23rd day of February, 2017.

Proposed Development: A 10 year permission for the construction of a Solar PV Energy Development comprising installation of photovoltaic panels on ground mounted frames/support structures; underground cabling and ducting; two number inverter/transformer stations with one number HV cabin; one number communications and storage structure; two number substations, perimeter (stock proof) security fencing (two metres high, circa 7.43 hectares); CCTV security cameras; site access road; landscaping and all associated ancillary site development works. A temporary construction compound will also be provided, on site of circa 10.65 hectares at Rathleague, Portlaoise, County Laois.

Decision

The Board, in accordance with section 48 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, considered, based on the reasons and considerations set out below, that the terms of the Development Contribution Scheme for the area had been properly applied in respect of condition number 6 and directs the said Council to ATTACH condition number 6 and the reason therefor.

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 considered that the terms of the Laois County Council Development Contribution Scheme 2013-2017 have been properly applied in respect of the subject development, in that the terms of the scheme require payment in respect of renewable energy installations on the basis of €1,000 per 0.1 MW generated, and the subject development was for a solar farm generating up to 6 MW.

