

Board Order PL 07.248509

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2017 Planning Authority: Galway County Council Planning Register Reference Number: 16/1500

Appeal by HTS Source Renewables Partners Limited care of James O'Donnell, Planning Consultancy Services of Third Floor, Ross House, Victoria Place, Eyre Square, Galway in relation to the application by Galway County Council of the terms of the Development Contribution Scheme made for the area in respect of condition number 19 of its decision made on the 20th day of April, 2017.

Proposed Development: (1) A solar PV panel array on ground mounted steel frames with a maximum export capacity of five megawatts within an overall site area of 11.78 hectares, (2) underground cabling/ducting, (3) two electricity control buildings, (4) temporary construction compound, (5) site access including a temporary construction access and track from the L-4302-63 local road, (6) boundary fencing and landscaping proposals and (7) pole mounted infra-red security cameras, together with all associated site works and services at Longford, Ballycrissane, County Galway.

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 not been properly applied in respect of condition number 19 and directs the said Council to REMOVE condition number 19 and the reason therefor.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the provisions of the Galway County Council Development Contribution Scheme 2016, the Board concluded that the terms of the scheme had not been properly applied by the planning authority in respect of condition number 19 as attached to the planning authority notification of decision to grant planning permission as the Scheme does not include provision for solar farms. In these circumstances, the Board considered that the contribution required under condition number 19 is not warranted and that the said condition should be removed.

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.

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

Dated this day of 2017