



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Amendment of Board Order

Planning Authority: Westmeath County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 17/6292

Development Concerned: Ten-year planning permission for a wind farm development with a 30-year operational life (from date of commissioning of the entire wind farm) and all associated works. The proposed development will consist of (a) up to 13 wind turbines with a tip height of up to 175 metres and all associated foundations and hardstanding areas, (b) one on-site electrical substation, (c) one number temporary construction compound, (d) all associated underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the turbines to the proposed on-site substation, (e) provision of new site access roads, upgrading of existing access tracks and associated drainage, (f) excavation of one number borrow pit, (g) construction of a link road between the R395 and R396 Regional Roads to facilitate turbine delivery, (h) junction improvement works to facilitate turbine delivery, including providing hardsurfacing at the N4 in the vicinity of its junction with the L1927 Local road in the townland of Joanstown and the widening of the L1927 and L5828 junction in the townland of Boherquill, and (i) all associated site development works (including tree felling) in the townlands of Coole, Monkstown, Camagh

(Fore by), Doon, Clonsura, Mullagh, Boherquill, and Joanstown, County Westmeath.

WHEREAS the Board made a decision to grant permission, subject to conditions, in relation to the above-mentioned development by Order dated the 26th day of March, 2019:

AND WHEREAS it has come to the attention of the Board that due to a clerical error condition number 9 of the Board's Order should be clarified,

AND WHEREAS the Board considered that the clarification of the above-mentioned error would not result in a material alteration of the terms of the development, the subject of the decision,

AND WHEREAS having regard to the nature of the issue involved, the Board decided not to invite submissions in relation to the matter from persons who had made submissions or observations in relation to the appeal the subject of this amendment,

NOW THEREFORE in accordance with section 146A(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Board hereby amends the above-mentioned decision so that condition number 9 of its Order and the reason therefor shall be as follows:

9. The operation of the proposed development, by itself or in combination with any other permitted wind energy development, shall not result in noise levels, when measured externally at nearby noise sensitive locations, which exceed:
 - (a) Between the hours of 0700 and 2300:

- (i) the greater of 5 dB(A) L90,10min above background noise levels, or 45 dB(A) L90,10min, at standardised 10m height above ground level wind speeds of 7m/s or greater
 - (ii) 40 dB(A) L90,10min at all other standardised 10m height above ground level wind speeds
- (b) 43 dB(A) L90,10min at all other times.

Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall submit to and agree in writing with the planning authority a noise compliance monitoring programme for the subject development, including any mitigation measures such as the de-rating of particular turbines. All noise measurements shall be carried out in accordance with ISO Recommendation R 1996 “Assessment of Noise with Respect to Community Response,” as amended by ISO Recommendations R 1996-1. The results of the initial noise compliance monitoring shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority within six months of commissioning of the wind farm.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity.

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

Dated this day of 2021.