



Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2017

Planning Authorities: Meath County Council

(Associated reference number: 17.VA0018)

REQUEST received by An Bord Pleanála on the 9th day of March, 2018 from Runway Information Services Limited care of AECOM Ireland Limited of 4th Floor, Adelphi Plaza, George's Street Upper, Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, in respect of a strategic infrastructure development described as 220kV substation compound and associated loop-in connection to the existing Corduff-Woodland No. 1 220kV overhead line, Clonee, County Meath.

WHEREAS the Board made a decision to approve, subject to conditions, the above-mentioned development by order dated the 22nd day of October, 2015 under case reference number 17.VA0018,

AND WHEREAS the proposed alterations are described as follows:

- Outdoor Air Insulated Switchgear (AIS) equipment rated for the system voltage of 220 kilovolts which connect to the previously consented transformer to provide neutral earth switching facility.
- Outdoor Air Insulated Switchgear (AIS) equipment rated for a system voltage of 200 kilovolts equipped in three number 220 kilovolt bays. The equipment will connect to the already consented 220 kilovolt busbar and also includes provision for associated neutral earth switching requirement.
- Associated site works.

AND WHEREAS having regard to the nature of the issues involved, the Board decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, not to invite submissions or observations in relation to the matter from persons who had made submissions or observations in relation to the application, the subject of this alteration,

AND WHEREAS the Board decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that the proposed alterations would not result in a material alteration to the terms of the development, the subject of the permission,

AND WHEREAS having considered all of the documents on file and the Inspector's report, the Board considered that the making of the proposed alterations would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment or on any European Site,

NOW THEREFORE in accordance with section 146B(3)(b) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Board hereby alters the above-mentioned decision so that the approved development shall be carried out in accordance with the plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 9th day of March, 2018.

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

In deciding to make the alterations, the Board had regard to the following:

- (a) the terms of the development approved under case reference number 17.VA0018,
- (b) the nature, location and scale of the proposed alterations which are considered minor in extent,
- (c) the context of the development as a whole being a major industrial development,
- (d) the documentation submitted with the alteration request, and
- (e) the report and recommendation of the Inspector.

The Board was satisfied that the information before it was adequate to undertake screening for Appropriate Assessment and a screening for environmental impact assessment in respect of the proposed alterations.

Appropriate Assessment Screening:

In conducting a screening exercise for appropriate assessment, the Board considered the nature, location and scale of the proposed alterations, the planning history of the site, the documentation and submissions on file, the distances to European Sites, and the assessment of the Inspector in relation to the potential for effects on such sites. In undertaking the screening exercise, the Board accepted the analysis and conclusions of the Inspector, and concluded that, by itself and in combination with other plans or projects in the vicinity, the proposed alterations would not be likely to have significant effects on European Sites.

Environmental Impact Assessment Screening:

Having regard to the nature, location and scale of the proposed alterations, the planning history of the site, the documentation and submissions on file, and the provisions of Schedule 5 and Schedule 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, the Board is satisfied that the proposed alterations would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment, either by itself or in cumulation with other development in the area. In coming to this determination, the Board concurred with the analysis and conclusions set out in the Inspector's overall report.

Conclusions on the Proper Planning and Sustainable Development of the Area:

The Board concluded that, having regard to:

- the overall nature and scale of the development approved by An Bord Pleanála under reference 17.VA0018,
- the nature and limited extent of the proposed alterations, and
- the context of the development as a whole being a major industrial development,

the proposed alterations would not constitute the making of a material alteration to the terms of the development concerned in the context of 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.