



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2018

Planning Authority: Waterford City and County Council.

Planning Register Reference Number: PD 11/400.

WHEREAS a question has arisen as to whether the deviation from the permitted blade length of 45 metres (90 metres in diameter) to the constructed blade length of 51.5 metres (103 metres in diameter) in relation to permission granted under planning register reference number PD 11/400 for modifications to a windfarm at Barranafaddock Wind Farm, County Waterford is or is not development or is or is not exempted development:

AND WHEREAS the said question was referred to An Bord Pleanála by Waterford City and County Council, Planning Department, Civic Offices, Duingarvan, County Waterford on the 24th day of May, 2018:

AND WHEREAS An Bord Pleanála, in considering this referral, had regard particularly to -

- (a) sections 2, 3 and 4 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended,

- (b) Articles 6 and 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended,
- (c) the previous planning permission granted under planning register reference number PD 11/400,
- (d) the submissions on file, and
- (e) the physical alterations to the turbines, in particular the alterations to the blade length:

AND WHEREAS An Bord Pleanála has concluded that -

- (a) the erection of the turbines comes within the scope of the definition of development contained in Section 3 of the Planning and Development Act 2000,
- (b) the alterations to turbines, including the length of the rotor arms/blades, do not come within the scope of the permission granted,
- (c) there is no provision for exemption for the said alterations to turbines in either Section 4, as amended, of the said Act or Article 6 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, and
- (d) therefore, the construction of the wind turbines as currently erected on site including the alterations to the rotor arms/blades is development and is not exempted development.

NOW THEREFORE An Bord Pleanála, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 5 (4) of the 2000 Act, hereby decides that the deviation from the permitted blade length of 45 metres (90 metres in diameter) to the constructed blade length of 51.5 metres (103 metres in diameter) in relation to permission granted under planning register reference number PD11/400 for modifications to a windfarm at Barranafaddock Wind Farm, County Waterford is development and is not exempted development.

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.

John Connolly

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board.

Dated this day of 2018.