



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2018

Planning Authority: Cork County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 18/00242

Appeal by Chrissie Daly and others of Keelovenogue, Drinagh, County Cork against the decision made on the 28th day of August, 2018 by Cork County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Killaveenoge Windfarm Limited care of Andrew O'Donoghue of Lissarda Business Park, Lissarda, County Cork in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: To construct a battery storage compound adjacent to the existing Killaveenoge electricity substation. The proposed works for which planning permission is sought will involve the construction of new palisade fencing, access track, bunded concrete plinths, up to five number battery storage units and associated equipment, transformers and all ancillary site works at Curranashingane, Drinagh, County Cork.

Decision

GRANT permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the said plans and particulars based on the reasons and considerations under and subject to the conditions set out below.

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 an objective of the planning authority set out in the Cork County Development Plan 2014-2020 to support and facilitate the sustainable development, upgrade and expansion of the electricity transmission grid, storage and distribution network infrastructure. Having regard to the planning history of the wider area, and in particular the permission granted under An Bord Pleanála appeal reference number PL88.242998 for a windfarm, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would constitute an appropriate use for the site and would not have significant adverse impacts on the environment or amenities of the area. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the provisions of the current County Development Plan and with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

1. The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, as amended by the further particulars submitted on the 8th day of August 2018, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions. Where such conditions require details to be agreed with the planning authority, the developer shall agree such details in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development and the development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. The internal access road serving the proposed development shall comply with the detailed standards of the planning authority for such road works.

Reason: In the interest of amenity and of traffic and pedestrian safety.

3. Construction and demolition waste shall be managed in accordance with a construction waste and demolition management plan, which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This plan shall be prepared in accordance with the Best Practice Guidelines on the Preparation of Waste Management Plans for Construction and Demolition Projects published by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in July, 2006.

Reason: In the interest of sustainable waste management.

4. On full or partial decommissioning of the battery storage compound, the palisade fencing, access track, bunded concrete plinths, battery storage units, equipment, transformers and ancillary works shall be removed permanently within three months of such decommissioning.

Reason: To ensure satisfactory reinstatement of the site upon cessation of the project.

5. The developer shall pay to the planning authority a financial contribution in respect of public infrastructure and facilities benefiting development in the area of the planning authority that is provided or intended to be provided by or on behalf of the authority in accordance with the terms of the Development Contribution Scheme made under section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The contribution shall be paid prior to commencement of development or in such phased payments as the planning authority may facilitate and shall be subject to any applicable indexation provisions of the Scheme at the time of payment. Details of the application of the terms of the Scheme shall be agreed between the planning authority and the developer or, in default of such agreement, the matter shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála to determine the proper application of the terms of the Scheme.

Reason: It is a requirement of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that a condition requiring a contribution in accordance with the Development Contribution Scheme made under section 48 of the Act be applied to the permission.

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

Dated this day of 2019.