



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order ABP-303313-18

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2018

Planning Authority: Offaly County Council

(Associated application reference number: 19.PA0047)

REQUEST received by An Bord Pleanála on the 21st day of December, 2018 from Bord na Móna Powergen Limited care of McCarthy Keville O'Sullivan of Block 1, G.F.S.C., Moneenageisha Road, Galway under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, to alter the terms of a strategic infrastructure development described as the proposed Cloncreen Wind Farm comprising of up to 21 wind turbines and all associated works.

WHEREAS the Board made a decision to grant permission, subject to conditions, for the above-mentioned development by order dated the 3rd day of May, 2017,

AND WHEREAS the Board has received a request to alter the terms of the development, the subject of the permission,

AND WHEREAS the proposed alterations are described as follows:

- Lengthening of the blades of the proposed turbines while remaining within the previously permitted tip height of 170 metres,

AND WHEREAS 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 from the public in relation to whether the proposed alterations would constitute the making of a material alteration to the terms of the development concerned,

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)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Board hereby alters the above-mentioned decision so that the permitted development shall be altered in accordance with the plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 21st day of December, 2018 for the reasons and considerations 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.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regard to –

- (i) the nature and scale of the wind farm development permitted under An Bord Pleanála Reference Number 19.PA0047 for this site, which includes 21 turbines with an overall tip height of 170 metres,
- (ii) the examination of the environmental impact, including in relation to Natura 2000 sites, carried out in the course of that planning application,
- (iii) the limited nature and scale of the proposed alterations when considered in relation to the overall permitted tip height of 170 metres,

- (iv) the absence of any significant new or additional environmental concerns (including in relation to Natura 2000 sites) arising as a result of the proposed alterations, and
- (v) the report of the Board's inspector, which is adopted,

it is considered that the proposed alterations would not be material. In accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Board hereby makes the said alterations.

Maria FitzGerald

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board.

Dated this day of 2019.