

Board Order ABP-303729-19

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2018

Planning Authority: Donegal County Council

(Associated application reference number: ABP-300460-17)

REQUEST received by An Bord Pleanála on the 14th day of February, 2019 from Planree 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 Meenbog Wind Farm comprising of 19 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 25th June, 2018,

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 156.5 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 14th day of February, 2019 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.

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REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regard to the terms of the development approved under section 37G of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, under An Bord Pleanála reference number ABP-300460-17, dated 25th June 2018, and to the nature and limited scale of the alterations proposed, it is considered that the proposed alterations would not be likely to have any significant effect on the environment or on any European site, nor would they raise any other issues material to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. The Board considered that the proposed alterations would not be material.

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

Dated this day of 2019.