



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019

Planning Authority: Cork County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 19/00519

APPEAL by Redfaze Limited care of MKO of Tuam Road, Galway against the decision made on the 27th day of November, 2019 by Cork County Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: Retention of the existing electricity substation and associated facilities at Curraglass, and permission for the construction of an extension to the existing electricity substation, comprising up to four number battery storage units, palisade fencing, bunded concrete plinths, associated electrical equipment, transformers and all ancillary site works at Curraglass, Kealkill, County Cork. Further public notices were received by the planning authority on the 1st day of November, 2019.

Decision

REFUSE permission for the above proposed development in accordance with 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. Such matters included any submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the remote, upland location of the site, it is considered that the development for which retention is sought and the proposed development of battery storage units, which are not linked to a renewable energy development, would constitute an inappropriate form of development for which no convincing justification in terms of facilitating renewable energy in accordance with the provisions of the Cork County Development Plan, 2014 has been made. Accordingly, it is considered, by reason of its location and design the development for which retention is sought and the proposed development would contravene materially objective CS 4-4 (d) of the Cork County Development Plan, 2014 in relation to the protection of the scenic and landscape qualities of uplands areas from inappropriate development. The proposed development and the development for which retention is sought would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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

Dated this day of 2020.