



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Meath County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: LB/191585

APPEAL by Panda Power care of MacCabe Durney Barnes of 20 Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin against the decision made on the 27th day of January, 2020 by Meath County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: A solar farm with an export capacity of approximately 3MW comprising photovoltaic panels on ground mounted frames, a single-storey ESB MV Sub-Station/switch room building, installation of three number transformers, ducting and underground electrical cabling, perimeter fencing, pole mounted CCTV cameras, upgrading of existing vehicle entrance, provision of internal access track and all associated ancillary works and services at Newtown, Beauparc, Navan, County Meath.

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

1. On the basis of the information provided with the application and appeal and in the absence of a Stage 1 Screening Report for Appropriate Assessment, the Board cannot be satisfied that the proposed development individually, or in combination with other plans or projects would not be likely to have a significant effect on European sites: the River Boyne and River Blackwater Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 002299) and the River Boyne and River Blackwater Special Protection Area (Site Code: 004232), or any other European site, in view of the site's conservation objectives. In such circumstances, the Board is precluded from granting permission.

2. The information provided with the application and appeal is not sufficient to enable the Board to determine, that the proposed development would not seriously injure the visual and residential amenities of property in the vicinity, or have a significant effect on the site ecology and biodiversity and landscape of the area, or that the use of the proposed site entrance by construction traffic and the impact arising from glint and glare would not endanger traffic safety on the N2.

Stephen Bohan

Member of An Bord Pleanála

**duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.**

Dated this day of 2020.