



An  
Bord  
Pleanála

## Board Order ABP-307357-20

### Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2019

### Planning Authority: Offaly County Council

(Associated application reference number: PL19.PA0032)

**REQUEST** received by An Bord Pleanála on the 15th June 2020 from Green Wind Energy (Wexford) Limited care of AOS Planning, 1st Floor 24-26 Ormond Quay Upper, Dublin 7 for alterations under Section 146B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, to alter the terms of a strategic infrastructure development described as the Yellow River Wind Farm comprising 29 turbines and all associated works the subject of an approval under An Bord Pleanála reference number 19.PA0032.

**WHEREAS** the Board made a decision to grant permission, subject to conditions, for the above-mentioned development by order dated the 3rd day of June 2014.

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

**AND WHEREAS** the proposed alteration is described as follows:

- Increase the blade length to the permitted turbines while remaining within the previously permitted maximum tip height of between 156 and up to 166 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 alteration 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 alteration 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 alteration 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 15th day of June 2020 for the reasons and considerations set out below.

### **REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS**

Having regard to:

- (i) the nature and scale of the wind farm development permitted under An Bord Pleanála Reference Number 19.PA0032 for this site, which permitted 29 turbines with an overall tip height of between 156 - 166 metres, the examination of the environmental impact, including in relation to European designated sites, carried out in the course of that application,

- (ii) the limited nature and scale of the alterations when considered in relation to the overall permitted tip height of height of between 156 - 166 metres,
- (iii) the absence of any significant new or additional environmental concerns (including in relation to European designated sites) arising as a result of the proposed alterations, and
- (iv) 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 & Development Act 2000, as amended, the Board hereby makes the said alterations.

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**Dave Walsh**

**Member of An Bord Pleanála**

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

**Dated this            day of            2020.**