



Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2019

Planning Authority: Offaly County Council

(Associated application reference number: PL.19.PA0047)

REQUEST received by An Bord Pleanála on the 16th day of June, 2020 from Bord na Mona Powergen Limited care of MKO Planning and Environmental Consultants, Tuam 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 the subject of an approval under An Bord Pleanála reference number 19.PA0047.

WHEREAS the Board made a decision to grant permission, subject to conditions, for the abovementioned 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 alteration is described as follows:

- Amend the design of the Cloncreen Wind Farm 110kV substation and minor alterations to the wind farm site layout, including the relocation of a temporary construction compound, alteration to site access track and site services,

including the internal cable collector network to facilitate the substation alterations.

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 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 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 abovementioned decision so that the permitted development shall be altered in accordance with the plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 16th day of June 2020 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, a 110kV substation and two number temporary construction compounds,
- (ii) the examination of the environmental impact, including in relation to Natura 2000 sites, carried out in the course of that application,
- (iii) the limited nature and scale of the alterations when considered in relation to the overall permitted development,
- (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 & Development Act, as amended, the Board hereby makes the said alterations.

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

Dated this day of 2020.