

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Kerry County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 17/300

APPEAL by Silverbirch Renewables Limited care of Malachy Walsh and Partners of Reen Point, Blennerville, Tralee, County Kerry against the decision made on the 30th day of May, 2017 by Kerry County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

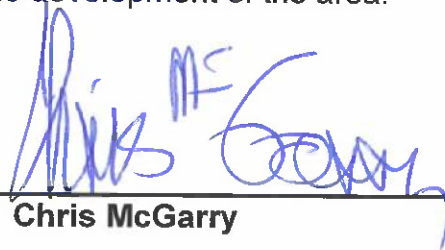
Proposed Development: Ten-year permission for development consisting of 14 number wind turbines with a rotor diameter of up to 120 metres and a blade tip height of up to 150 metres above ground level, two number permanent meteorological masts up to 100 metres above ground level, two number medium voltage substations, one number high voltage substation, 13 number new site entrances comprising of seven number new and six number upgraded site entrances, three number borrow pits and adjacent repositories, the provision of new and upgraded internal site service roads and surface water management measures, temporary site compounds, all underground cabling and associated infrastructure necessary to construct the development. The development is located in the townlands of Barna (two number turbines), Knocknageeha (one number turbine), Reanasup (two number turbines), Lisheen (one number turbine), Reaboy (three number turbines), Ballynahulla (five number turbines) and Tooreengarrive, Killarney, County Kerry.

Decision

REFUSE permission for the above proposed development for the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

The Kerry County Development Plan 2022-2028 identifies the proposed development site as being located in an area 'Unsuitable for Wind Development' by reference to Map 12.4: 'Wind Energy Areas', with the related policy set out in Objective KCDP 12-20 which seeks to ensure that commercial wind energy projects will not be considered in areas outside of 'Open-to-Consideration' and 'Repower Areas'. Having regard to the analysis undertaken within the 'Wind Zoning Methodology' included at Appendix 6 of Volume 1 of the development plan, this designation is considered reasonable and consistent with national policy, as set out in the Wind Energy Development Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in 2006. The proposed development would be contrary to the policy provisions set out in the Kerry County Development Plan 2022-2028 and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

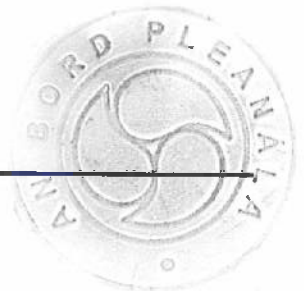


Chris McGarry

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board.



Dated this 13th day of March 2023.