



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Tipperary County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 19/601430

APPEAL by Ensource Ireland Limited care of Malone O'Regan Environmental of Bracken Business Park, Ground Floor – Unit 3, Bracken Road, Sandyford, Dublin against the decision made on the 29th day of June, 2020 by Tipperary County Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: The construction of a 43 megawatt Solar PV development comprising: circa 155,000 number photovoltaic panels laid out in arrays, the construction of a 38 kV substation, (circa 114.9 square metres by 4.75 metres tall) and transformer unit (circa 15.25 square metres by 2.4 metres tall) along with associated ancillary development including: 24 number Power Hubs (circa 15.25 square metres by 2.4 metres), which incorporate the inverters and the transformers within the same unit, one number single storey communications building (11.1 square metres by 2.5 metres), one number single storey client building (15.25 square metres by 2.9 metres), one number single storey equipment storage container (7.5 square metres by 2.7 metres), 15 number CCTV cameras mounted on four metre high poles; and perimeter security fencing. The proposed development will also see the installation of ten (10 number) ISO shipping container units for the purpose of battery storage (30.5 square metres by 2.9 metres). The total development area will

be circa 70.5 hectares. All at Kyleagarry, Kyle, Ballyryan East and Gortdrum, Donohill, County Tipperary.

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

On the basis of the information provided with the planning application and the appeal, and in the absence of a Natura impact statement, 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 Site, the Lower River Shannon Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 002165), or any other European Site, in view of the sites' conservation objectives. In such circumstances, the Board is precluded from granting permission.

Chris McGarry

Member of An Bord Pleanála

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

Dated this day of 2020.