



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Longford County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 20/105

APPEAL by Kiernan Milling care of Galetech Energy Services of Clondargan, Stradone, County Cavan against the decision made on the 14th day of July, 2020 by Longford County Council to refuse permission to Kiernan Milling.

Proposed Development A 10 year permission for the proposed erection of a single wind turbine with a maximum height of up to 169 metres together with all associated site development, access and reinstatement works, including turbine foundation, hardstanding area, one number site entrance and site access track, underground electrical cabling (including beneath R194) to connect to existing electrical switch room located within Kiernan Milling Mill Building and all ancillary works which will have an operational phase of 30 years, all at Granardkill, Granard, County Longford.

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. Having regard to the location, height and design of the proposed development, it is considered that the proposed development would seriously injure and interfere with the setting of Granard Motte and Bailey, Recorded Monument LF 010-080001, which is subject to statutory protection in the Record of Monuments and Places, established under Section 12 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act, 1994.

Furthermore, it is considered that the proposed development would be contrary to policy HER 1 of the Longford County Development Plan 2015 - 2021, which seeks to protect and conserve heritage sites, artefacts and monuments as well as the integrity of their setting, as listed in the Record of Monuments and Places. It would also be contrary to policy ARC 2 of the Development Plan, which seeks to protect the integrity and setting of archaeological areas, sites, structures, monuments, and objects in the County. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

2. The proposed development, by reason of its height, design and location, and on the basis of the information submitted with the application and the appeal, would have a negative impact on the scenic, heritage and cultural value of listed view F.S-14 of the Longford County Development Plan 2015 - 2021, and would be contrary to policy LCA 1 of the Development Plan not to permit proposed development which would have a detrimental impact on the landscape and to policy LCA 3, which seeks to preserve views and prospects. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Terry Prendergast
Member of An Bord Pleanála
duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.

Dated this day of 2021.