

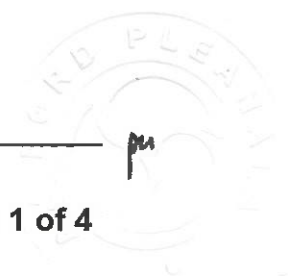
Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Westmeath County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 20/6221

Appeal by Gigginstown House Stud care of BMA Planning of Taney Hall, Eglinton Terrace, Dundrum, Dublin and by others against the decision made on the 15th day of October, 2020 by Westmeath County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Bracklyn Wind Farm Limited care of Galetech Energy Services Limited of Clondargan, Stradone, County Cavan in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

Proposed Development: (i) The retention of existing 80 metre meteorological mast which was erected as exempted development in accordance with Class 20A, Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) and all ancillary infrastructure and associated site development and reinstatement works, and (ii) the increase in height of the existing meteorological mast from 80 metres to a maximum height of up to 100 metres. Existing access arrangements using agricultural access tracks, will remain unaltered. The operational lifetime of the proposed development will be up to five years, all at Bracklin, County Westmeath.



Decision

GRANT permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the said plans and particulars based on the reasons and considerations under and subject to the conditions 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

Having regard to the provisions of the Westmeath County Development Plan, 2021 - 2027, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed temporary meteorological mast would not seriously injure the visual amenities of the area, would not significantly impact on the ecological or cultural heritage of the area or significantly affect any European site in view of its conservation objectives and would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

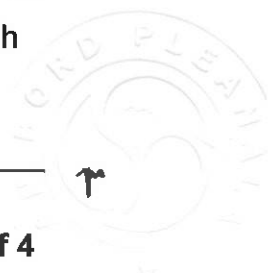
1. The development shall be retained, carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application and with the appeal, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions. Where such conditions require details to be agreed with the planning authority, the developer shall agree such details in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development and the development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. (a) This permission shall apply for a period of five years from the date of this order. The mast structure and related ancillary structures shall then be removed unless, prior to the end of the period, planning permission shall have been granted for their retention for a further period.
- (b) The site shall be reinstated on removal of the mast structure and ancillary structures. Details relating to the removal and reinstatement shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority at least one month before the date of expiry of this permission.

Reason: In the interest of proper planning and sustainable development.

3. (i) The meteorological mast shall be fitted with a Type C, Medium Intensity, Fixed Red obstacle light with a minimum output of 2,000 candelas to be visible in all directions of azimuth and to be operational 24/7 or a specification agreed directly with the Irish Aviation Authority.



- (ii) Light intensity to be a similar value to that emitted in the visible spectrum of light.
- (iii) The applicant shall make contact with the Irish Aviation Authority (IAA) of their intention to commence crane operations at least 30 days prior to notification of the erection of the mast hereby permitted and to provide, as constructed coordinates in WGS84 format together with ground and tip height elevations to the IAA.

Reason: In the interests of clarity, orderly development and aviation.

- 4. The applicant shall ensure that bird deflectors are appropriately incorporated into the development hereby permitted.

Reason: In the interest of the environment, protection of bird species and preventing bird collisions.

- 5. Surface water drainage arrangements for the proposed development shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of public health.


Paul Hyde

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



Dated this 14th day of June 2021.