



Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Meath County Council

(Associated application reference number: ABP-303568-19)

REQUEST received by An Bord Pleanála on the 10th day of November, 2020 from Highfield Solar Limited of Design Studio 7, Old Castle View, Kilgobbin Road, Dublin under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, to alter the terms of a strategic infrastructure development, comprising a proposed electrical substation and associated 110kV and MV infrastructure required to connect ground-mounted solar PV generation to the electrical transmission system and associated development at Gillinstown, Duleek, County Meath, which was the subject of an approval under An Bord Pleanála reference number ABP-303568-19.

WHEREAS the Board made a decision to approve, subject to conditions, the above-mentioned development by Order dated the 22nd day of July, 2019,

AND WHEREAS the Board has received a request to alter the terms of the development, the subject of the approval,

AND WHEREAS the proposed alteration is described as follows:

- Increase in footprint dimensions of the approved GIS building from 26.8 metres long by 20 metres wide to 32.2 metres long by 22.5 metres wide.

- Change in the footprint dimensions of the associated substation compound from 51 metres long by 43.8 metres wide to 52.2 metres long by 40.2 metres wide.

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 approval,

AND WHEREAS having considered all of the documents on file and the Inspector's report, the Board considered that the making of the proposed alterations 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 above-mentioned decision so that the approved development shall be altered in accordance with the plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 10th day of November, 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 substation and associated development approved by An Bord Pleanála under Reference Number ABP-303568-19 for this site,
- (ii) the examination of the environmental impact, including in relation to European Sites, carried out in the course of that application,
- (iii) the limited nature and scale of the proposed alterations, when considered in relation to the overall approved development,
- (iv) the absence of any significant new or additional environmental concerns (including in relation to European 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 and Development Act 2000, 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.