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**Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2020**

**Planning Authority: Wexford County Council**

**(Associated reference number: ABP-302731-18)**

**REQUEST** received by An Bord Pleanála on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020 from Highfield Solar Limited under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, to alter the terms of a strategic infrastructure development described as the proposed electrical substation and associated 110kV and MV infrastructure required to connect ground mounted solar PV generation to the electricity transmission system at Rosspile, Clongreen, County Wexford the subject of an approval under An Bord Pleanála reference number ABP-302731-18.

**WHEREAS** the Board made a decision to grant approval, subject to conditions, for the above-mentioned development by Order dated the 5<sup>th</sup> 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:

Amend the footprint dimensions of the approved GIS building by increasing the width by from 20 metres to 22.5 metres and the length from 25.8 metres to 32.2 metres and to amend the footprint dimension of the associated compound by increasing the width from 39.2 metres to 40.2 metres and the length from 47 metres to 52.2 metres,

**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 alteration 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 permitted development shall be altered in accordance with the plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 10<sup>th</sup> 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 development permitted under An Bord Pleanála Reference Number ABP-302731-18,
- (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 alterations when considered in relation to the overall permitted 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 & Development Act, as amended, the Board hereby makes the said alterations.

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

**Dated this                      day of                      2021.**