

Board Order ABP-309780-21

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Laois County Council.

Planning Register Reference Number: 16/260.

WHEREAS by order dated the 3rd day of September, 2019, An Bord Pleanála, under appeal reference PL 11.248518, granted, subject to conditions, a permission to Pinewood Wind Limited care of Galetech Energy Services of Clondargan, Stradone, County Cavan for development comprising 11 number wind turbines, each with a maximum height of up to 136.5 metres, and all associated site development and ancillary works, including:

- a 110kV electricity substation, switch room and equipment compound;
- two single circuit strain towers with a maximum height of up to 26.5 metres,
- turbine foundations.
- crane hardstandings,
- 5.4 kilometres of site access tracks.
- underground electricity and communications cabling,
- site drainage works,
- seven number site entrances,
- a permanent meteorological mast with a maximum height of up to 85 metres, and
- temporary upgrade to the R430/L7800 road junction;

all on lands at Knockardugar, Boleybawn, Garrintaggart, Ironmills (Kilrush) and Graiguenahown, County Laois. The proposed development is part of a larger development which also extends onto lands in the townland of Crutt, County Kilkenny within the adjoining planning authority administrative jurisdiction of Kilkenny County Council:

AND WHEREAS condition number 15 attached to the said permission required precise specifications of the turbines to be provided to the planning authority prior to delivery:

AND WHEREAS the developer and the planning authority failed to agree on the above details in compliance with the terms of the said condition and the matter was referred by the applicant to An Bord Pleanála on the 23rd day of March, 2021 for determination:

NOW THEREFORE An Bord Pleanála, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 34(5) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, hereby determines that precise specifications of the turbines have been provided to the planning authority but consideration of changes to the wind turbine dimensions from those set out in the parent permission is outside the specific scope of condition number 15.

Dave Walsh

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

Dated this 16 th day of May 2022.