

Board Order ABP-310661-21

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Meath County Council

(Associated application reference number: 17.VA0018)

REQUEST received by An Bord Pleanála on the 28th day of June, 2021 from Runways Information Services Limited care of Aecom Ireland Limited of 4th Floor, Adelphi Plaza, George's Street Upper, Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, to alter the terms of a strategic infrastructure development consisting of a 220kV substation and associated works at Clonee, County Meath, which was the subject of an approval under An Bord Pleanála reference number 17.VA0018.

WHEREAS the Board made a decision to approve, subject to conditions, the above-mentioned development by Order dated the 22nd day of October, 2015.

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

AND WHEREAS the proposed alterations are described as follows:

- The provision of two neutral earth switches.
- An additional lightening protection mast (circa 25 metres in height).
- The provision of a power transformer, current transformers, house transformer, surge arresters and post insulators.

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- A medium voltage (MV) switchgear.
- A medium voltage (MV) switchroom and control room (gross floor area circa
 126 square metres).
- Medium voltage cables to connect the power transformer and medium voltage switchgear.
- Minor internal compound road extension (circa 58.5 square metres (circa 13 metres x 4 metres wide road)).
- Other minor ancillary site works.

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 in relation to whether the making of the proposed alterations 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 making of the proposed alterations would not constitute the making of a material alteration to the terms of the development, the subject of the approval,

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 approval so that the approved development shall be altered in accordance with the plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 28th day of June, 2021 for the reasons and considerations set out below.

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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:

- (a) the terms of the development approved under case reference number 17.VA0018,
- (b) the nature, location and scale of the proposed alterations which are considered minor in extent,
- (c) the context of the development as a whole being a major industrial development,
- (d) the documentation submitted with the alteration request, and
- (e) the report and recommendation of the Inspector,

it is considered that the making of the proposed alterations would not constitute the making of a material alteration to the terms of the development, the subject of the approval.

John Connolly

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board.

Dated this 24 day of November 2021.