

An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order ABP-310740-21

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Offaly County Council

(Associated application reference number: PL19.PA0047)

REQUEST received by An Bord Pleanála on the 30th day of June, 2021 from Bord na Mona Powergen Limited care of MKO Planning and Environmental Consultants, Tuam Road, Galway 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 Cloncreen Wind Farm, comprising of up to 21 wind turbines and all associated works, subject of a permission under An Bord Pleanála Reference Number PL19.PA0047 and alteration Reference Numbers ABP 303313-18, ABP 307401-20 and ABP 308171-20.

WHEREAS the Board made a decision to grant permission, subject to conditions, for the above-mentioned development by Order dated the 3rd day of May, 2017,

AND WHEREAS the Board decided that alterations to the above-mentioned decision, that were requested on the 21st day of December, 2018, the 16th day of June, 2020 and the 14th day of September, 2020 would not result in material alterations to the terms of the development and so made the alterations to the development the subject of permission under An Bord Pleanála Reference Number PL19.PA0047,

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

AND WHEREAS the proposed alteration is described as follows:

Development of a telecommunications tower measuring 36 metres in height along with a telecommunications compound (13 metres by 13 metres) and fencing, cabling and infrastructure to facilitate connections to the permitted 110kV substation, associated service road (178 metres squared) and all associated works. The telecommunications tower will replace a 20 metre telecommunications mast which was previously permitted.

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 permission,

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 30th day of June, 2021 for the reasons and considerations set out below.

MATTERS CONSIDERED

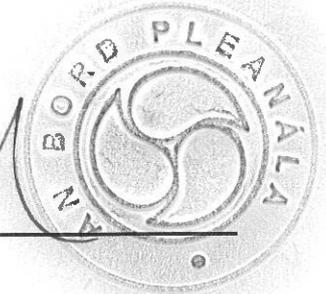
In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regard to:

- (i) the nature and scale of the wind farm development permitted under An Bord Pleanála Reference Number PL19.PA0047 for this site, which includes 21 turbines, a 110kV substation and two number temporary construction compounds,
- (ii) the alterations made to the above permitted development under An Bord Pleanála Reference Numbers ABP-303313-18, ABP-307401-20 and ABP-308171-20 for amendments to the design of the 110kV substation, relocation of temporary construction compound, amendments to internal wind farm road layout and ancillary works to permitted site services including drainage and internal cable network,
- (iii) the examination of the environmental impact, including in relation to European Sites, carried out in the course of that application,
- (iv) the limited nature and scale of the alterations when considered in relation to the overall permitted development,
- (v) 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
- (vi) 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, 2000, as amended, the Board hereby makes the said alterations to the terms of the development permitted under An Bord Pleanála Reference Number PL19.PA0047.



Dave Walsh

Member of An Bord Pleanála

**duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.**

Dated this 23rd day of August 2021.