

Board Order ABP-312644-22

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: South Dublin County Council

(Associated application reference number: ABP-309146-21)

REQUEST received by An Bord Pleanála on the 4th day of February 2022 from CyrusOne Irish Data Centre Holdings 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 provision of 2 number 110kV transmission lines and a 110kV GIS substation compound with associated and ancillary works within Grange Castle Business Park, Baldonnell, Dublin the subject of an approval under An Bord Pleanála reference number ABP-309146-21,

WHEREAS the Board made a decision to approve, subject to conditions, the abovementioned development by Order dated the 19th day of July 2021,

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:

- amendment of location of permitted 2 number transformers and 2 number 20 metre high lightning poles;
- omission of permitted 3.5 metre high external fence to the north-west, northeast and south-east of the GIS substation compound;

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- amendment of permitted 2.6 metre high palisade fence along the north-east boundary of the substation as per ESB's requirements;
- narrowing of permitted strip of crushed stone to 1 metre to the north-east and south-east of the substation compound;
- relocation of permitted ESB house transformer within the overall compound;
 and
- amendment of alignment of 110kV transmission lines to address services within the red line application boundary.

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 alteration would not result in a material alteration to the terms of the development, the subject of the approval,

AND WHEREAS having considered all 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 abovementioned decision so that the approved development shall be altered in accordance with the plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 4th day of February 2022 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

In deciding to make the proposed alteration, the Board had regard to the following:

- (i) the nature and scale of the 2 number 110kV transmission lines and a 110kV GIS substation compound with associated and ancillary works approved by An Bord Pleanála under Reference Number ABP-309146-21 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 alteration 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 alteration, and
- (v) the report of the Board's Inspector, which is adopted.

It is considered that the proposed alteration 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 alteration.

Dave Walsh

Member of An Bord Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board.

Dated this 14th day of April 2022.