



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order

ABP 313007-22

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Kerry County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 21/1441

Appeal by Ballynagare Windfarm Limited care of MKO Planning and Environmental Consultants of Tuam Road, Galway against the decision made on the 16th day of February, 2022 by Kerry County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: 10 year planning permission and 35 year operational life from the date of commission of the wind farm. Construction of seven number wind turbines with the following maximum and minimum parameters overall ground to blade tip height in the range of 170 metres maximum to 169.5 metres minimum, hub height of 95 metres, rotor diameter in the range of 150 metres maximum to 149 metres minimum, turbine hardstand areas, provision of one number permanent meteorological mast with a height of 110 metres, upgrade of existing roads and access junctions, provision of new site entrances, roads and hardstand areas, two number temporary peat storage areas, two number temporary construction compounds, one number borrow pit, all site drainage works, one number on-site 38 kV substation, control building and plant, associated security fencing and waste water holding tank, all associated underground electrical and communication cabling connecting the turbines to the proposed on-site substation, connection of the proposed 38 kV on-site substation via underground cable in the public road to the entrance of the existing Clahane 110 kV substation in the townland of Pallas, all

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ancillary site works, apparatus and signage, all at Ballynagare, Dysert Marshes, Farrandeen, Monument, Knockaunacurraheen, Ballintogher, Ballnageragh, Clooncolla, Ballyhorgan West, Ballyhorgan East, Lissahane, Knockburrane, Ballygarret, Banemore, Pallas, County Kerry.

Decision

REFUSE permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

Development Objective 12-20 of the Kerry County Development Plan 2022-2028 seeks to ensure that commercial wind energy projects will not be considered in areas outside of 'Open-to-Consideration' and 'Repower Areas'. These areas are presented on Map 12.4: Wind Energy Areas of the development plan. The proposed development site is located outside of areas designated as being either a 'Repower Area' or an area that is 'Open-to-Consideration'. The Board was not satisfied that, notwithstanding the benefits of renewable energy proposals and the support at a national level, the proposed development would in this instance be plan led as it would not be in accordance with the stated objective of the development plan. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.


Patricia Calleary

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.

Dated this 19 day of September 2023