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**Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2021**

**Planning Authority: Meath County Council**

**(Associated application reference number: ABP-303878-19)**

**REQUEST** received by An Bord Pleanála on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022 from South Meath Solar care of RPS Group Limited of West Pier Business Campus, 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 110kV substation and associated works to connect a permitted solar farm to the electricity transmission system in the townlands of Harlockstown, Polleban and Vesingstown, Dunboyne, County Meath, which was the subject of an approval under An Bord Pleanála reference number ABP-303878-19 (as altered under case reference number ABP-311505-21).

**WHEREAS** the Board made a decision to approve, subject to conditions, the above-mentioned development by Order dated the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

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

**AND WHEREAS** the proposed alteration is described as follows:

- A short distance of new road/track to link the permitted development to an existing track.

**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 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 approved development shall be altered in accordance with the plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022 for the reasons and considerations set out below.

## REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

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

- (i) the nature and scale of the substation and associated development approved by An Bord Pleanála under case reference number ABP-303878-19 for this site,
- (ii) the alterations made to the above permitted development under An Bord Pleanála Reference Number ABP-311505-21,
- (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 proposed alteration when considered in relation to the overall approved 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 alteration, and
- (vi) 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 and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Board hereby makes the said alteration.

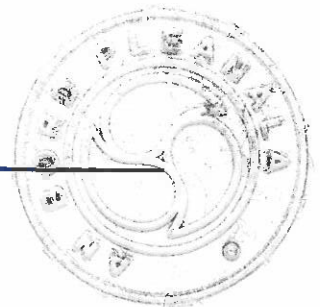


**Dave Walsh**

**Member of An Bord Pleanála**

**duly authorised to authenticate**

**the seal of the Board.**



Dated this *16<sup>th</sup>* day of *June* 2022.