

An  
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Pleanála

Board Order  
ABP-313557-22

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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022**

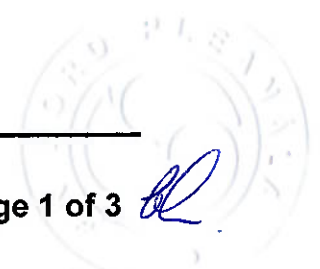
**Planning Authority: Roscommon County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: DED 514**

**WHEREAS** a question has arisen as to whether works consisting of a proposed underground 10kV grid connection to connect a permitted onsite solar farm substation to the existing 38kV Castlerea substation is or is not development and is or is not exempted development.

**AND WHEREAS** Elgin Energy Services Limited of 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Hambleden House, 19-26 Pembroke Street Lower, Dublin requested a declaration on the said question from Roscommon County Council and the said Council issued a declaration on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022 stating that the said matter was development and was not exempted development:

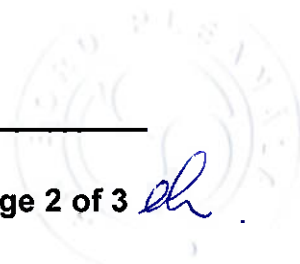
**AND WHEREAS** Elgin Energy Services Limited referred the declaration for review to An Bord Pleanála on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022:



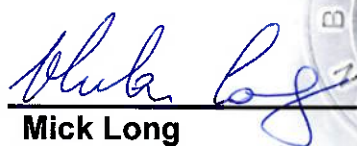
**AND WHEREAS** An Bord Pleanála, in considering this referral, had regard particularly to –

- (a) Section 2(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended,
- (b) Section 3(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended,
- (c) Article 6(1) and Article 9(1) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 – 2023, as amended,
- (d) Class 26 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 - 2023, as amended, and
- (e) The planning history of the site.

**AND WHEREAS** An Bord Pleanála has concluded that works consisting of a proposed underground 10kV grid connection to connect a permitted on-site solar farm substation to the existing 38kV Castlereah substation constitutes 'development', as defined under Section 3(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended and would come generally within the scope of the exempted development provision provided at Class 26 of Part 1, Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2023, as amended.



**NOW THEREFORE** An Bord Pleanála, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 5 (3) (a) of the 2000 Act, hereby decides that works consisting of a proposed underground 10kV grid connection to connect a permitted onsite solar farm substation to the existing 38kV Castlerea substation is development and is exempted development.



*Mick Long*

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**Mick Long**

**Member of An Bord Pleanála**

**duly authorised to authenticate**

**the seal of the Board**

Dated this *19* day of *October* 2023