



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order
ABP-314439-22

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Galway County Council

(Associated application reference number: ABP-303086-18)

REQUEST received by An Bord Pleanála on the 24th day of August, 2022 from Ardderroo Wind Farm Limited care of MKO Planning and Environmental Consultants of Tuam Road, Galway under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, to alter the terms of the Ardderroo Windfarm, a strategic infrastructure development the subject of a permission under An Bord Pleanála reference number ABP-303086-18 and alteration reference number ABP-308302-20.

WHEREAS the Board made a decision to grant permission, subject to conditions, for the above-mentioned development by Order dated the 17th day of July, 2019,

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 alterations are described as follows:

- Construction of 1.8 kilometres of new access road
- One new watercourse crossing

- Amendments to spur roads to T14 and T17 to connect with the new road alignment
- Omission of 3.7 kilometres of existing access road upgrade and 240 metres of new road construction and associated temporary construction compound
- Drainage and all associated works.

AND WHEREAS having regard to the nature of the issues involved, 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 alterations 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 24th day of August, 2022 for the reasons and considerations set out below.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regard to:

- (i) the nature and scale of the development permitted by An Bord Pleanála under Reference Number ABP-303086-18,
- (ii) the examination of the environmental impact, including in relation to European Sites, carried out in the course of that application,
- (iii) the nature and scale of the previous section 146B alteration permitted for this site under Reference Number ABP-308302-20,
- (iv) the limited nature and scale of the proposed alterations, when considered in relation to the overall permitted development,
- (v) the absence of any new or additional environmental concerns of a material nature (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 and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Board hereby makes the said alterations.

Dr Maria Fitzgerald
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Member of An Bord Pleanála
duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.



Dated this 27th day of October 2022