

An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order
ABP-314777-22

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Fingal County Council

Application by the Minister for the Environment, Climate & Communications, 29-31 Adelaide Road, Dublin, requesting An Bord Pleanála to exercise its powers under Section 181(2T)(a)(i) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, as to whether the state authority should be directed to prepare an Environmental Impact Assessment Report in respect of the proposed development of temporary emergency electricity generation power plant at Huntstown Power Station, Johnstown, County Dublin.

DECISION

NOT TO DIRECT the state authority to prepare an Environmental Impact Assessment Report in respect of the said proposed development based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

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REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

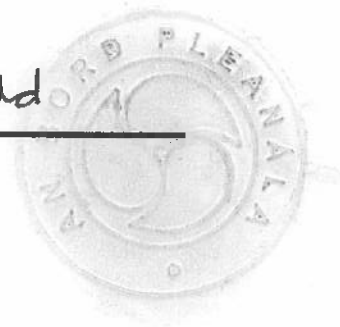
Having regard to the following:

- a) the criteria set out in Schedule 7 and the information provided in Schedule 7A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended,
- b) the limited nature and scale of the proposed development which is significantly below the thresholds set out in Part 2 of the Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, in respect of Class 10b(iv) (Infrastructure – Urban Development), Class 3(a) (Industrial installations for the production of electricity, with a heat output of 300 megawatts or more), and Class 15 in relation to the potential for significant effects on the environment from sub-threshold projects,
- c) the location of the site on lands zoned for Heavy Industry under the provisions of the Fingal County Development Plan 2017-2023 and the results of the Strategic Environmental Assessment of this plan undertaken in accordance with the SEA Directive (2001/42/EC),
- d) the location of the site in an established industrial built-up area served by public infrastructure and the existing pattern of development in the vicinity,
- e) the location of the site outside of any sensitive location specified in article 109(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, and the absence of any relevant connectivity to any sensitive location,
- f) the limited potential for significant impacts arising from the proposed development,
- g) the submissions received from the Environmental Protection Agency and landowners, and
- h) the report and recommendation of the Inspector,

It is considered that the proposed development would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment and, accordingly, that the preparation and submission of an environmental impact assessment report is not therefore required.

Dr. Maria Fitzgerald

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



Dated this 5th day of December 2022