

Board Order ABP-315857-23

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Kerry County Council

(Associated application reference number: ABP-305106-19)

REQUEST received by An Bord Pleanála on the 15th day of February 2023, from Tullamore Solar Farm Limited, care of MWP, Reen Point, Blennerville, Tralee, County Kerry, under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, to alter the terms of a strategic infrastructure development comprising a 110 kilovolt 4-bay C-type electricity substation and associated loop-in infrastructure to tie into existing 110kilov transmission line at Tullamore, Listowel, County Kerry, the subject of an approval under An Bord Pleanála reference number ABP-305106-19.

WHEREAS the Board made a decision to approve the proposed development, subject to conditions, for the above-mentioned development by Order dated the 30th day of March 2020,

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

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AND WHEREAS the proposed alteration is described as follows:

Alterations to the approved development of a 110 kilovolt 4-Bay C-Type electricity substation and associated loop-in infrastructure to the existing 110 kilovolt transmission line, comprising the visual representation of the 4th Bay of the substation planning drawings.

AND WHEREAS having regard to the limited extent of the changes proposed, 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 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 abovementioned decision so that the approved development shall be altered in accordance with the plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 15th day of February, 2023, for the reasons and considerations set out below.

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REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regard to the terms of the development approved under section 182B of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, under An Bord Pleanála reference number ABP-305106-19 on the 30th day of March, 2020, and to the nature and limited scale of the changes now proposed, it is considered that the proposed alterations, would not be likely to have any new or additional significant effects on the environment (including in relation to European Sites).

It is considered that the proposed alterations would not constitute a material alteration to the terms of the development concerned.

In accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended, the Board hereby makes the said alterations.

Peter Mullan

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

Dated this att day of June 2023

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