

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Tipperary County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 2310

Appeal by Soleire Renewables SPV Alpha 2 Limited care of Entrust Limited of Unit 1D Deerpark Business Centre, Oranmore, County Galway against the decision made on the 9th day of March, 2023 by Tipperary County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Amendment to the design of the previously approved development (Planning Reference: Tipperary County Council (16/600917) and An Bord Pleanála (PL92.249060)), which comprises consent for a Solar PV Energy Development, and for planning permission for a proposed Battery Energy Storage System. The proposed amendments include; (1) changes to the configuration of the Solar PV rows, (2) a reduction in the height of the Solar PV panels, (3) reduction in the spacing of Solar PV rows (strings), (4) increase in size of solar panels, (5) increase in solar panel output resulting in an overall increase in solar power generation, (6) a change in solar panels tilt (degree), (7) an increase in the number of transformers/inverters, (8) an increase in the area of the individual transformers, (9) an increase in the number of panels, (10) the introduction of a Battery Energy Storage System with a compound size of 5,400 square metres containing 60 battery units and 30 inverter units, all of which measure

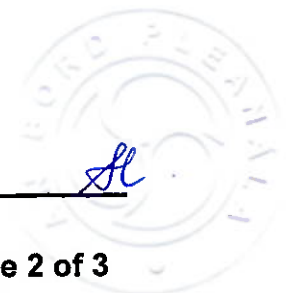
30 inverter units, all of which measure 6.1 metres in length, 2.45 metres in width and 2.9 metres in height, together with a switch room/SCADA room at Leonards Bog, The Sheehys, Derrymore, Roscrea, County Tipperary.

Decision

Having regard to the nature of the condition the subject of the appeal, the Board is satisfied that the determination by the Board of the relevant application as if it had been made to it in the first instance would not be warranted and, based on the reasons and considerations set out below, directs the said Council under subsection (1) of section 139 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 to AMEND condition number 2 so that it shall be as follows for the reason set out.

2. The structures shall be removed before the expiration of a period of 40 years from the date of commissioning of the development unless planning permission for a further period has been granted.

Reason: To enable the planning authority to review the operation of the solar farm having regard to the circumstances then prevailing.



Reasons and Considerations

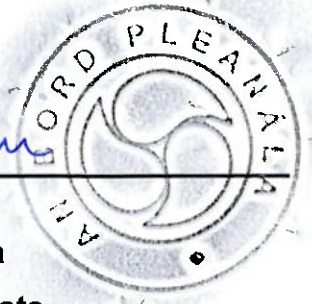
Having regard to national and local policies in relation to renewable energy, the scale, extent and layout of the proposed development and the pattern of development in the area, it is considered that the proposed development would be in accordance with national and local policy, would not seriously injure the visual or residential amenities of the area, would be acceptable in terms of biodiversity and landscape impacts and in terms of traffic safety and public health and would not negatively impact on any European site. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



Stewart Logan

Member of An Bord Pleanála

**duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board**



Dated this 30 day of January 2024